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Fielbrandt, Ernstes lead Otsego's 36 Graduates with Distinction

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Whether it was through robotics, advanced coursework or leadership opportunities, Ally Fielbrandt and Sean Ernstes spent their high school careers challenging themselves academically.

Those efforts paid off, as Fielbrandt was named valedictorian and Ernstes salutatorian for the Otsego High School Class of 2026.

The pair headline a group of 36 seniors who earned distinction by graduating with grade-point averages of 4.0 or higher.

Fielbrandt earned valedictorian honors with a 4.55 GPA. The daughter of Tim and Amy Fielbrandt, she plans to attend the University of South Florida and study biomedical engineering.

A four-year member of the Otsego girls soccer program, Fielbrandt also was heavily involved in National Honor Society, International Student Ambassadors, robotics, LINKS and Teens Aiding Growth (TAG) during her high school career.

Fielbrandt challenged herself through a rigorous course load that included numerous Advanced Placement classes. Among her favorites were AP Psychology and AP Biology, courses that helped fuel her interest in science and engineering.

"AP Psych was really fun, especially toward the end of the year," Fielbrandt said. "And AP Bio was one of the classes that helped me grow the most academically."

She credited science teacher Kristin Alkire as one of the most influential people in her educational journey.

"Ally is one of the most creative and curious scientific learners I've ever had the pleasure of teaching," Alkire said. "She is such a thoughtful and perceptive student, and she works diligently to make connections between concepts that deepen her scientific understanding."

As she prepares for college, Fielbrandt said she is excited to meet new people, experience life on a college campus and continue pursuing her academic goals.

Her advice for younger students is simple.

"Try your hardest, and don't be afraid to forge your own path," she said.

Ernstes earned salutatorian honors with a 4.374 GPA. The son of Brian and Sarah Ernstes, he plans to attend Georgia Tech and pursue a degree in computer engineering.

His interest in engineering grew through robotics, a program he has been involved with since third grade. Throughout high school, Ernstes continued to expand that interest while participating in National Honor Society, Student Council, tennis and Boy Scouts.

Ernstes earned the rank of Eagle Scout, completing a project that created multiple nine-square game sets now used during Student Council activities and events.

Like Fielbrandt, Ernstes embraced a challenging academic schedule that included numerous Advanced Placement courses. Among his favorites were AP U.S. History, AP Government, AP Calculus and AP Literature.

He said robotics mentor Mr. Miller played a major role in shaping both his academic interests and future plans.

"He got me into robotics in third grade and has been with me ever since," Ernstes said.

As he prepares for college, Ernstes said he looks forward to continuing to challenge himself academically while exploring new opportunities in engineering and technology.

His advice to younger students is to develop strong time-management skills and remain fully engaged in their coursework.

In addition to Fielbrandt and Ernstes, the following Otsego High School seniors earned distinction by graduating with grade-point averages of 4.0 or higher:

Alan Meyer, Allie Proctor, Audrey Lingbeek, Avery Selent, Carter Shattuck, Ellie Korringa, Emily Carter, Emma Hoffman, Grace DeBoer, Maddox Haak, Hannah Clayton, Jarred Curtiss, Kaleb Hildebrand, Kara Moore, Kaylen Robertson, Keri Robrahn, Laeah Bailey, Laney Sweet, Lauren Firnstahl, Liam Smith, Lucy Mercer, Madelin Robart, Meredith Schauer, Molly Koppers, Rebekah Stachura, Rowan Kortlandt, Ryan Watson, Samantha Bonovetz, Sarah Holes, Sarah Woodin, Trey Brown, Tyler Wolf, Weston Mulherin and Zoe Alkire.

Drivers should expect delays as M-89 project gets underway

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Motorists traveling through Otsego should prepare for delays this summer as a major resurfacing project along M-89 is scheduled to begin June 8.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) plans to resurface 3.6 miles of M-89 (Allegan Street) from the Kalamazoo River to US-131. The project is expected to continue through mid-October.

While the project timeline spans more than four months, Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said the actual roadway construction is expected to occur primarily between July 1 and Aug. 15.

"I want to start by saying that M-89 is a state-owned highway and we have zero control or say in this project," Mitchell said. "Those decisions are made by MDOT and not the City of Otsego. We are left to deal with the inconvenience of the work as well."

According to Mitchell, the project will begin and end with right-of-way and sidewalk work before crews move into the roadway resurfacing portion of the project.

During construction, lane closures and traffic shifts will be in effect throughout the project area.

MDOT officials said both directions of traffic will share one lane and alternate using temporary traffic signals between the Kalamazoo River and Platt Street.

Mitchell encouraged residents to plan ahead and consider alternate routes when possible.

"Understand that during this time traffic will be limited to one lane at places and backups will occur," Mitchell said. "The plan is to start from the west and work east. Please consider alternative routes if possible during this time."

Mitchell noted that M-89 is one of the busiest highways in West Michigan and said motorists should expect delays during the height of construction activity.

"Please keep alert for traffic signs in the coming weeks to keep everyone safe," he said.

The approximately $2.3 million project includes resurfacing the roadway as well as joint repairs, new concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements.

According to MDOT, the investment will increase the service life of the roadway while improving safety and ride quality. Economic modeling also estimates the project will directly and indirectly support 19 jobs.

Despite the inconvenience construction will create during the coming months, Mitchell pointed to one significant long-term benefit.

"The good news is that when they are done, there will be no more potholes," he said.

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Padgham Field Fly In incorporates planes, cars and more

By Gari Voss & Mike Brouwer

The Allegan Airport Advisory Board is hosting a fly-in / community event at Padgham Field on Grand Street / M-222 on June 20, 2026. The Board invites all to come out to the airport and enjoy viewing an abundance of static displays of all kinds including airplanes, cars and several EMS vehicles.

The day begins at 7am with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Allegan Lions Club. The "kitchen" transitions to a hot dog lunch at 11am until 3pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served rain or shine in the maintenance hangar that is attached to the airport terminal. The minimum donation for each meal is $5 with proceeds going to purchase eyeglasses for those in need.

Special Events:

9am: Blessing of the Airplanes which is much like the blessing of the bikes

10am: Skydiving Event

All day: MyFlight Helicopter Tours ride tickets can be purchased.

Static Displays will be spread around the field and will require walking:

Hot Air Balloon

Planes of all types

A Car Show

EMS services to include fire, police, and ambulance vehicles

Air National Guard Black Hawk helicopter (if not on a mission)

The helicopter that serves the Beacon Allegan Hospital (if not on a call)

Static Displays will be available for viewing with weather permitting. The Lions Club breakfast and lunch will be offered rain or shine.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about aviation and the improvements to Padgham Field that was developed in the late 1930s and early 1940s as part of pre-World War II community-led initiatives to establish local airports. This development coincided with a growing interest in general aviation in Michigan. Activated in April 1940, the field supported early flight operations with surplus aircraft availability from the era.

The Allegan chapter of the Jaycees, that was chartered on July 26, 1939, played a key role in Padgham Field's early establishment by assisting with the project's development as one of their inaugural initiatives. This was aligned with similar efforts by Jaycee groups nationwide to build local airfields.

Over time, Padgham Field has evolved from its origins as a basic community airfield to a 24-hour general aviation facility managed by the City of Allegan with an airport advisory board overseeing activities. This growth has led to ongoing maintenance and public engagement efforts exemplified by the Fly In / Car Show on June 20.

Allegan District Library receives significant trust distribution

The Allegan District Library is pleased to announce a generous trust distribution from the estate of Robert L. Faske. This contribution will support the library's mission of fostering lifelong learning and community engagement, ensuring that Mr. Faske's dedication to the Allegan community continues to make an impact for years to come.

In recognition of this transformative gift, Mr. Faske will be honored at the library's highest donor level. His legacy will be permanently commemorated within the library's grand entrance as part of "The Copper Shoal," a striking art installation featuring 100 copper fish handcrafted by local artist Mike LaJoice. A dedicated copper fish, bearing an identification tag in Mr. Faske's name, will be added to the installation to symbolize his lasting contribution to the institution.

"We are deeply moved by the generosity of Robert L. Faske," said Pamela Armstrong, Library Director. "This gift is a testament to his love for the community. By incorporating his name into 'The Copper Shoal,' we ensure that every visitor who enters our doors is reminded of his spirit of giving and the vital role of philanthropy in sustaining public resources."

"On behalf of the ADL Board, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Robert Faske Trust for its generous gift," said Dr. Peter Savage, President of the Allegan District Library Board of Trustees. "Our library is publicly funded, but gifts large and small elevate our services and programs to fulfill our mission and vision."

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Council put city police rumors to bed

By Gari Voss

The Allegan City Council made several important decisions during their June 8, 2026, meeting. After sharing information and holding a discussion, the council brought the rumors and scuttlebutt concerning where the Allegan Police Department would be housed to a close. All councilmembers encouraged residents to stop at the city tent during Bridgefest to share concerns and ideas.

Water Department

Cross-Connection Device Inspection. The request to approve two five-year contracts with Hydro Corp to continue administering the water system cross-connection program for both residential and commercial/industrial water connections to the Allegan Water System was passed.

This continues the work with Hydro Corp to inspect commercial and residential connections. The state requires that the city system be tested and certified annually by a licensed technician. This includes all industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential users. In previous years, a few industrial users and commercial users were inspected annually, the city has relied heavily on the users to submit the required backflow testing certification, but the State now requires that inspections be performed regularly and reviewed. Hydro Corp will perform a minimum of 100 inspections each year and re-inspection if not in compliance.

Public Works

Fly In Banner. The request to place a sign at the Padgham Field Airport promoting the Fly-In on June 20, 2026, was approved.

Administrative Services

Payables. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $858,404.03 and payroll in the amount of $130,090.39 for a total disbursement of $988,494.42 passed.

Wage Increase. The request to adopt Resolution 26.18 to approve wage increases for non-union employees for Fiscal Year 2027 passed. Each non-union employee will receive a 4% increase which is equal to union employees. This was included in the FY2027 budget.

Budget Adjustments. The request to adopt Resolution 26.19 to authorize the Finance Director/Treasurer/Clerk to make 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments passed. This will allow the treasurer to make all the adjustments that were approved by the council at previous meetings in preparation of the closing out of FY2026.

Part-Time Wage Adjustment. The request to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to revise Section 8.0 Medical Insurance to include Regular Part-Time employees working at least 32 hours per week passed. Services to the public will remain the same, and the employee will keep the Medical Insurance under the new hours.

Public Opinion Survey. The request to discuss the idea of conducting a public opinion survey began a conversation regarding the possibility of doing a survey, what it would include, how it would be administered, and how the data would be utilized. City Manager Joel Dye shared in the meeting packet a variety of public surveys used by other cities and firms that do these surveys. This was not to get an approval at this meeting but to have a discussion with the council. Council questions referred to whether the city could tailor the survey for Allegan. The cost for a city of Allegan's size was questioned. The council felt that getting public opinion was good but wanted to have cost estimates before making any decisions. This would be only for the city residents and not the township. A question was raised as to how to monitor the survey returns. The members voiced questions about analyzing the data and how the data would be used to guide future decision making. Dye shared that he would seek costs before any decision was made.

Large Lease Space. The request to discuss and give direction regarding the future of the City Hall Large Lease Space that is being vacated by Saunder Chiropractic brought pros and cons to light.

Leading into discussion, City Manager Dye gave a thumbnail sketch of how the space became vacated. When Rocky Saunders began leasing the space, he had voiced that someday, he would like to purchase his own building. As the current lease was coming to a close, Dr. Saunders was able to purchase a building on Hubbard Street. That left the space vacant.

Dye held a discussion with department heads which included moving the police department into the space for a cost saving. From the chart shared during the council meeting, the cost saving did not indicate a significant benefit. The council members had been approached by community members who gave little approval for this move. Weighing the comments, the motion was made and passed to rent the space in City Hall to another business.

Chief Jay Gibson took a moment to thank City Manager Dye for having the conversation with the department and council for maintaining the department in its current location. Chief Gibson did share that each time the thoughts are raised to move the city police department, it takes a toll on the officers. He hoped this was the last cost cutting idea that would affect his department.

Downtown Allegan Retail Market Analysis. Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson summarized the visit of Bob Gibbs to Downtown Allegan and his interactions with business owners. The request to adopt the 2026 Downtown Allegan Retail Market Analysis prepared by Gibbs Planning Group and the authorization that it be included as a supporting document to the 2026–2030 Downtown Allegan Master Plan was accepted. Johnson shared that the information would be discussed at the next DDA meeting and the results used in crafting the new Master Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several in attendance came to the microphone to thank the Council for deciding to have the police department remain in their building and put the issue "to bed".

Members supported the idea of having the council conduct a survey to collect information from the residents.

A resident on Sherman Street raised concerns about the traffic on Sherman between Sunset Street and Lincoln Road. He had used a speed gun to determine the speed of almost all vehicles on this section of road. No one was going the 25 mph speed limit. With the new school opening, there will be more traffic and even more children along the street. He made suggestions for installing stop signs in addition to the electronic speed monitor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

1. The grant application was completed to add more apartments downtown. It is great to see developers investing in Downtown Allegan.
2. The council will take a tour to look at parts of the city that must be addressed. This includes part of the boardwalk behind Jaycee Park because of disrepair and some streets in key areas of town.
3. Activities are now in full swing of summer – Fork in the Road on Mondays, Rollin' on the River on Fridays, and Bridgefest.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Councilmember Canalis wanted to thank the city staff for their diligence in keeping things on track and thanked the council for keeping control of their high quality city police department. Then he thanked the officers for their efforts in keeping streets safe.

Councilmember Hooker reminded the council that Chat with Council will be at the city's Bridgefest tent from 11am to 6pm on Saturday. She encouraged people to come and share ideas.

Charles Clark shared that as a new council member, he wanted residents to know that they can approach council members for any reason. He is happy to discuss ideas and hopes that there is open conversation. He invited all with ideas for revenue besides millage to please share them, but if the council doesn't hear from residents, nothing can be done.

Councilmember Westfield encouraged everyone to come out to Bridgefest on Saturday.

Walker questioned the future for the fence that was a concern. Dye shared that the people with the fence were advised that they could put it back up or take it down. There is no city ordinance that requires property owners to have a fence, but he had to be taken care of.

Perrigo wondered if there should be a Public Safety Committee to look more carefully at concerns about blight, street safety, etc. to make sure things are addressed in a timely manner. This group could look at monthly tickets and arrests. City Manager Dye felt that he and Chief Gibson could investigate this and see if there were seven volunteers to sit on this advisory board.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was held concerning the purchase or lease of property.

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Thurs., June 11, 2026, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market. Cutler Parking Lot Allegan

Thurs, June 11, 2026, 6pm: Abdul El Sayed visit. Allegan Tech Center 2891 116th St. Allegan

Fri., June 12, 2026, 6:30-9:30pm: Rollin' on the River – Justice Hill & Nightime Love. Riverfront Stage Allegan

Sat., June 13, 2026, 7-11:30am: Lake Allegan Carp Derby. Allegan Dam Upper Boat Launch, 4120 Allegan Dam Rd., Allegan

Sat., June 13, 2026, 11am-10pm: Bridgefest. Downtown Allegan.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., June 10-13, 2026: Family RV – Glamarama
Allegan County Fairground Allegan
The Great Lakes Area of Family RV Association invites campers to join a rally for a wonderful beginning of summer experience. For additional information contact Kevin Watters at 260 750-2822 or kwatters@fmca.com.

Wed., June 10, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., June 10, 2026, 2pm: Recess for Adults
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and interact with friends from the Arc of Allegan County.

Thurs., June 11, 2026, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3-5 year olds can drop in for stories and activities.

Thurs., June 11, 2026, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Cutler Parking Lot Allegan
Favorite and new vendors each week. Come and stock up.

Thurs., June 11, 2026, 8:30am: 2026 Chamber Classic Golf Tournament
Cheshire Hille Golf Course 102nd Ave., Allegan
Sign up by June 5th. and enjoy a bit of competition and a lot of fun.

Thurs, June 11, 2026, 6pm: Abdul El Sayed visit
Allegan Tech Center 2891 116th St. Allegan
Abdul El Sayed, candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be the guest speaker. He has a short presentation and then will be taking questions from the audience. This is open to the public. It's a great opportunity to meet one of the candidates. Questions: Susan.wakefield99@gmail.com

Thurs., June 11, 2026, 5-8pm: Family Fun Night
The Backyard 10441 Stadium Dr. Kalamazoo
Join Safe Harbor Chiren's Advocacy Center for an evening of games, food, and connection that supports Safe Harbor's mission to give children a safe place to be heard and begin healing. Register at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/family-fun-night-at-the-backyard

Fri., June 12, 2026, 5pm: 501 Party w/ Kevin McDaniel Live
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Enjoy the live music of Kevin Daniel and grilled burgers and the fixings. Come fill your tummy and hop to the music.

Fri., June 12, 2026, 6:30-9:30pm: Rollin' on the River – Justice Hill & Nightime Love
Riverfront Stage Allegan
Enjoy R&B, Soul and Pop while mixing with friends and having food and beverages.

Sat., June 13, 2026, 7-11:30am: Lake Allegan Carp Derby
Allegan Dam Upper Boat Launch, 4120 Allegan Dam Rd., Allegan
Details & registration: bit.ly/lacd26. Register online and begin fishing any time after midnight. Bring your carp to be logged after 7am and before 11:30am for great prizes.

Sat., June 13, 2026, 10am-3pm: Book Sale
Ransom District Library 180 S. Sherwood Dr. Plainwell
There are great finds: $1.00 & .50 books half off in the bookstore and 6 for $1.00 books on the deck outside!

Sat., June 13, 2026, 11am-1:30pm: Girl Scout Gold Flag Day Presentation
1st Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Join Elise Wedge as she presents her Girl Scout Gold Project: Honoring America's Flag. The public is welcome.

Sat., June 13, 2026, 10am-4pm: Downtown Throwdown – Disc Golf
Bridgefest Downtown
First 50 to register day of the event get a custom stamped Innova disc. And complete the non-sanctioned, Inner-City, 9-basket, par 2 Pop-Up Course. Sponsored by Brave Art Studios.

Sat., June 13, 2026, 11am-10pm: Bridgefest
Downtown Allegan. Bridgefest celebrates Allegan's Old Iron Bridge and the start of summer since the mid-1980s. The all-day event features activities for kids and adults, music and entertainment, food and beverages, and more.

Sat., June 13, 2026, 11am-5pm: Painting on the Riverfront Plaza.
Bridgefest Allegan
Artists are welcome to bring 3-5 pieces for sale with 25% commission, 20% to the Griswold Auditorium upgrades, 5% covers fees involved for Brave Art. For those who handle their own sales, please make a 20% donation to the City of Allegan from Bridgefest Plein Air for the Griswold.

Sat., June 13, 2026: Allegan Eagles Public Events
Noon: Register for the Cornhole Tournament that begins at 1pm
8pm: Boomtown on stage with classic rock

Mon., June 15, 2026: Library Fun – Summer Reading begins
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
12:30pm: Read Allegan Tutor Training. Register at 269 673-4625 to learn how to assist adults with their reading.
2pm: Jurassic Magic Show. Drop in to journey back in time with magician Joel Tacey.
6pm: Craftastic: Stamp Carving. Register at 269 673-4625 to carve your own stamps using printmaking tools.

Mon., June 15, 2026, 5-7pm: ACCF Artist Gallery Viewing
ACCF 112 Locust St. Allegan
All are welcome to visit the new art exhibit. The exhibit features the works of local artists Theresa Frank, Ella Sue Schneider, and Linda Enzinger of Brave Art Studios & Gallery.

Mon., June 15, 2026, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan, MI
Try a taste from a rotating selection of food, sip and stroll the Downtown Allegan Social District (if that's your thing), and shop stores open extended hours during Fork in the Road!

Tues., June 16, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can drop in for stories and activities.
2pm: Children's Summer Concert with BenJammin. Drop in to make music with BenJammin.

Tues., June 16, 2026, 12-1pm: Leadership Roundtable
ACCF 112 Locust St. Allegan or Zoom
This roundtable offers a trusted environment where leaders can brainstorm ideas, work through challenges, and offer assistance to peers. Register: alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar

Wed., June 17, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., June 17: Library Fun
2pm: Sing Song Family Yoga. Drop in to join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music & literacy.
6pm: Pub Quiz at Tantrick Brewing. Drop in and register a team to compete. Library cards get extra points.

Thurs., June 18, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.
6pm: Herbal Tea Workshop. Register at 269 673-4625 to join Haley, owner of Herbal Meadows Botanicals, for a Tea & Honey Tasting & Blending Workshop!

Fri., June 19 – Wed., June 24, 2026: 4-H Five Day Horse Clinic
Allegan County Fair 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Fri., June 19, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
6pm: Local Writers' Group. Register at 269 673-4625 to share ideas and spark connections.
6pm: Teen Tech Night. Register at 269 673-4625 to explore all types of technology.

Fri., June 19, 2026, 6:30-9:30pm: Rollin' on the River – Rachel Brooke
Riverfront Stage Allegan
Enjoy country while mixing with friends and having food and beverages.

Fri., June 19, 2026, 7pm: Movie in the Park, *Moana*
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman
Bring chairs or blankets and snacks, and enjoy an outside movie.

Sat., June 20, 2026, 7am-3pm: Fly in at Padgham Field
Padgham Field Grand Street (M-222) Allegan
A great day hosted by the Allegan Airport Advisory Board starts with pancakes from 7-11am, lunch from 11am-3pm, Blessing of Planes at 9am, Skydiving at 10am, hot air balloons, Black Hawk helicopter and more. Breakfast and lunch will happen rain or shine. Other events may be weather permitting.

Sat., June 20, 2026: 4-H Sheep & Goat Show
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Sat., June 20, 2026, 9AM: Otsego Artisan Market
TOP Riverside Pavilion, 218 N. Farmer, Otsego
A celebration of quality craftsmanship, original fine arts, and unique artisan handmade goods.

Sat., June 20, 2026, 11am-5pm: Brave Art Celebrates 6 Years
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Brave Art will host a party where artists can sell their art in the garden. If Brave Art handles the sales, the fee is 20%, 5% to the charity of the month. Or artists can bring their own set up with no spikes. Enjoy live demonstrations, music, camaraderie and fun.

Sun., June 21, 2026: 4-H Beef Show
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

Sun., June 21, 2026, 1-4pm: Sundays in the Park – All Aboard Pullman!
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman
A train-themed celebration featuring a kids scavenger hunt, *The Case of the Missing Conductor*, and activities that spark imagination and pride in local history.

June 22-28, 2026: Pollinator Week
Go to alleganCD.org for fun activities.

Mon., June 22, 2026, 10-11am: Clean Up Event
Allegan Pollinator Garden Corner Trowbridge & Cedar Streets
All are welcome to assist in tidying up the garden that is growing nicely for our pollinators.

Mon., June 22, 2026, 1pm: Dinosaur Detectives
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in to join the Curious Kids Museum to find answers to fossils and dinosaurs.

Mon., June 22, 2026, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan, MI
Try a taste from a rotating selection of food, sip and stroll the Downtown Allegan Social District (if that's your thing), and shop stores open extended hours during Fork in the Road!

Tues., June 23, 2026, 10-11:30am: Community Walk
Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve end of Thomas St. Allegan
Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the preserve with the Allegan Conservation District staff

Tues., June 23, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 can drop in for stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting. Drop in and help plan special activities.
2pm: Teen Cricut Club. 6-12 graders can register at 269 673-4626 to make a name beanie hat.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

FUN FOR THE FAMILY

Bingo!, Wednesdays, 6pm: American Legion Hall
Senior Bingo!, Tuesdays from 1-3pm: American Legion Hall
Corner of Eastern Avenue and Hooker, Allegan

Allegan District Library, M-Th 10am-8pm, F 10am-5:30pm, Sat.10am-4pm:
Plus, Carnegie Corner Bookstore (Friend available on Tuesdays)
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Street, lower level Allegan (269) 673-4625

Allegan Event – Ropes Course, Walls and More
439 River Street Allegan
Twilight Special: Thurs., 4-9pm, 2hrs. for $18
Free Game Card: Fri., 4-9pm w/ $20 food purchase
Family 4-Pack: Sat., 5-9pm, 4 premier combo tickets w/ pizza+ for $130
For more information call 269-430-3961 or check online at https://www.alleganevent.com

Allegan County Historical Society, Old Jail Museum.
Saturdays, 10 am – 4 pm, (269) 673-8292. Call to confirm hours or arrange for a private tour.
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Allegan Health Department monitors beaches

By Gari Voss

Beach sampling by the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) began sampling the water of select beaches on Memorial Day.

The testing monitors *E. coli* levels in recreational waters to make the public aware of any health concerns is done weekly from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The monitoring is funded through grants from the Beach Act - Great Lakes beaches and the State of Michigan's Renew Michigan funds - inland beaches. ACHD selected the following Allegan County beaches:

- Oval Beach (Saugatuck)
- West Side County Park Beach (Ganges)
- Dumont Lake County Park Beach (Monterey)
- Gun Lake County Park Beach (Wayland)
- Little John Lake County Park Beach (Allegan)
- Swan Lake Boat Launch (Cheshire)

Test results can be reviewed at the MiEnviro BeachGuard Website and Facebook.

If a beach tests above the recommended level for *E. Coli*, an advisory will be issued and posted on the website and Facebook page. Signs will be posted at affected beaches with recommendations to avoid the water until follow-up testing demonstrates that levels have lowered.

Safe Practices

Swimming in lakes or man-made water can be at risk of exposure to waterborne germs. Anyone with a weakened immune system can be at risk of waterborne illnesses.

The germs can bring on ailments such as:

- Irritation of eyes, skin, or respiratory tract,
- Swimmer's ear,
- Flu-like illnesses, or
- Diarrhea.

Most often, Allegan County beaches and State Parks are safe. Beach goers can use their judgement to check the current BeachGuard before swimming.

Those who use the beaches can keep the areas safe and reduce risk of illness by:

- Disposing of trash, animal waste, and boat waste properly,
- Using the restroom before swimming,
- Not swimming in water that smells foul or looks murky,
- Not swimming immediately after heavy rain when *E. coli* levels may be high,
- Not swallowing lake water,
- Vigorously toweling off after swimming,
- Washing your hands with soap and water before eating,
- Showering as soon as possible when you return home,
- Keeping pets off the beach.

In addition, watch for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) that can form, because some blooms can be toxic. Do not swim in them. If they get on the skin, or fur of pets, wash thoroughly as soon as possible.

For more information on Allegan County Beach Monitoring, visit allegancounty.org/health or contact ACHD at 269-673-5415 or alleganeh@allegancounty.org. More information on E. coli in surface water and water quality standards can be found at Michigan.gov/ecoli.

Actors and singers sought for Dreamland in Allegan

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players (ACP) is ready to hold auditions for *Dreamland* or *A Musical Riff on Shakespeare's Midsummer Set During the Declassification of Area 51*. All interested in auditioning can come to the Griswold Auditorium on either Sunday, June 14 or Monday, June 15, 2026, from 5-9pm. Possible callbacks will be on Tuesday, June 16th.

Before coming, being familiar with the setting is Nevada's top-secret Area 51, which was a highly classified United States Air Force facility located at Groom Lake in the southern Nevada desert, north-northwest of Las Vegas, may be helpful. Area 51 has been declassified from its top secret developmental and testing ground for innovative military aviation. It is about to be opened to the public and is called "Dreamland".

Who thought it would be a good idea to give a group of high school honor students free rein in a top-secret military base two days before it opens to the public? Will there be aliens? Maybe. A show choir? Definitely. An over-the-top, B-movie-style musical comedy with a score that blends contemporary musical theatre pop with the smooth sounds of the 1950s

The cast can consist of actors of all ages who love to sing and move to the music of the 50s and more.

There is a group of enthusiastic, science-obsessed high school honor students who are given special access to the base just before it opens. These are referred to as the Lovers.

Then, there is the energetic show choir.

Add a group of stranded extraterrestrials who have been hiding on the base since the 1950s -and are obsessed with 50s music.

Specific roles include

The Adults: Melissa (Channel 9 news reporter), Colonel Rasmusson (Air Force officer), Principal Wilson (Las Vegas Prep School), Snyder (caretaker at Area 51). And Camera Operator (Channel 9 news).

The Students: Rebecca (the ambitious teenager), Randy (geology nerd), Eliot (the meteorologist who dreams of being a weatherman), and Aurora (astronomy buff and secret conspiracy theorist).

The Aliens: Oberon and Titania (the no-nonsense alien co-captains), Puck (a mischievous, glitter-loving youth), and the Minions – Cobweb, Peaseblossom, Moth, and Mustardseed.

The Performers fill out the cast: New Dawn, a high-energy show choir from Las Vegas, complete with their own student director (Quinn) and composer (Scott).

The question is whether or not it really is a Dreamland. The production is booked as an over-the-top, sci-fi musical comedy written by Broadway songwriters Chris Miller and Nathan Tysen, who created the music for *Tuck Everlasting* on Broadway. It was commissioned specifically for high school performers by Educational Theatre Association and Concord Theatricals.

To become more comfortable with the music score, go to https://concord.com/news/premiere-studio-cast-recording-of-dreamland-a-new-musical-by-chris-miller-nathan-tysen-now-available/.

More information about auditions as well as sides and what to expect will be on the website: allegancommunityplayers.org.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Summerfest 2026 Schedule of Events

Downtown Wayland will once again serve as the center of community activity when Summerfest returns Saturday, June 13, bringing a full day of family entertainment, classic cars, live music, food, vendors and children's activities.

Organized by Wayland Main Street and the Downtown Development Authority, the annual event has become one of the city's signature summer celebrations. This year's festival will take place throughout downtown Wayland and on Main Street, with activities scheduled from morning through late evening.

Organizers encourage residents and visitors to spend the day exploring downtown, supporting local businesses, and enjoying one of Wayland's largest annual community celebrations.

The full schedule of events is as follows:

7:00-10:30 a.m.
Fireman's Breakfast — Wayland Firehouse
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Car Show — Wayland City Park
1-5 p.m.
Face-to-Face Race Climbing Wall
Spinning Berry
Mechanical Unicorn
1 p.m.
Cornhole Tournament
1-4 p.m.
Mini Golf
1-3 p.m.
Face Painting
2-4 p.m.
Jake Stevens live music
Balloon Twister
3-5 p.m.
Stilt Walker
Variety Juggler
5-7 p.m.
Silent Bark live music
6-8 p.m.
Foam Party
8-11 p.m.
Sushi Roll live music
All Day
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Mental Health: A Crisis We Can No Longer Ignore

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

I used to think alcoholism was the biggest problem facing Americans. Along with drugs it certainly is a disease that affects many of us. However, mental health is a much bigger problem and when you combine it with alcohol. you have a real recipe for disaster.

Mental health is often treated as an afterthought. Millions of people struggle with anxiety, depression, stress, loneliness, and other mental health challenges every day. These struggles affect students in classrooms, employees in workplaces, parents at home, and people in every community. While awareness of mental health has improved over the years, awareness alone is not enough. We must move from simply talking about mental health to actively addressing it.

I don't know much about students in the classroom other than many of our serial killers are mentally ill. I have, however experienced employees in the workplace going off the deep end. It's not pleasant. One day they are as nice as can be and then next day they are filled with anxiety and hate.

One of the biggest problems surrounding mental health is stigma. Many people are afraid to seek help because they worry about being judged or seen as weak. Society has often encouraged people to "tough it out" or keep their struggles private. This mindset can prevent people from getting the support they need. Mental health should be viewed in the same way as physical health. If someone breaks a bone, they seek medical treatment. The same should be true when someone experiences emotional or psychological pain.

Education is one of the strongest tools we have to fight this problem. Schools should teach students about stress management, emotional well-being, and coping skills from an early age. Understanding mental health can help people recognize warning signs in themselves and others before problems become severe.

Communities and workplaces also have an important role to play. Employers can provide mental health resources, flexible support systems, and encourage healthier work-life balance. Families and friends can create safe environments where people feel comfortable speaking honestly without fear of criticism.

Access to care is another major challenge. Mental health services can be expensive or difficult to obtain, especially in underserved communities. Expanding access to counselors, therapists, and support programs should be a priority. Help should not depend on where someone lives or how much money they have.

Fighting mental health issues will not happen through one solution alone. It requires changing attitudes, increasing education, improving access to care, and showing compassion toward others. Small actions can make a difference: checking in on a friend, listening without judgment, or encouraging someone to seek help.

Mental health affects all of us in one way or another. Ignoring it only allows the problem to grow. If we want healthier communities and a stronger society, we must recognize that caring for mental health is not optional—it is essential.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comforting the Afflicted and Afflicting the Comfortable

To the editor:

Thank you for your column of June 4 in which you state the time has come to abolish the MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) due to its inefficiency and reported findings of corruption. Newspapers, particularly small local newspapers, are facing difficult times and many are either becoming absorbed into larger regional ownership (Allegan News) or they are shutting down their presses and closing their doors. With this column, Mr. Wilcox, you are doing what the 4th estate is supposed to be doing: holding a government entity to account. Our hope is you will continue speaking out against corruption and malfeasance throughout government. Holding government officials accountable may well be the salvation of the watch dogs of democracy.

Donald Trump recently extorted 1.776 billion taxpayer dollars to fund his gang of cop beaters. This would be a good thing for you to look into with your editorial prowess.

Bill Huizenga just voted to take more money away from SNAP recipients and those in need of healthcare in order to pay for cutting taxes for the wealthiest among us. How about pulling back the curtain on Bill's self dealing at our expense?

Donald Trump continues to buy stock in companies which will be affected by his decisions. He's made a bundle in spite of the emoluments clause of the Constitution. Do you have anything to say about this?

Bill Huizenga also voted to keep the war in Iran going in spite of the cost to ordinary Americans. Gas prices are up with bigger increases on the horizon. Grocery prices are causing working people to choose between buying food or buying much needed medicine. Do you still think tariffs are a good thing?

Donald Trump demanded—and Bill Huizenga voted for—an enormous sum of money to allow ICE to continue its unaccountable brutality. As the editor of a newspaper reaching common people in many small communities, wouldn't you want to see some accountability from these government actors?

Rampant corruption is interwoven with all of these issues. It's particularly gross coming from our White House but the trickle down effect is threatening democracy across the nation. When questioned about his corruption, Trump attacks the questioner. Huizenga just disappears or hides behind a weak facade of "bipartisanship".

Is this the kind of government our founders wanted to establish? Corrupt, hate-filled, suspicious and vindictive? What do you think?

William and Mary Jones

Ten Current Distressing News Stories

Dear Editor:

These are 10 of the news stories that we need to take seriously. Unethical and illegal practices are running rampant in our society. The following 10 news releases are some of the current ones:

1. Trump bought a considerable amount of Dell stock ($5 million worth). Two days.later the Pentagon granted Dell a 9.7 billion dollar contract. Another scandal in the making.

2. The Dell family donated $6.25 billion in funding the so called "Trump Accounts", a new tax-advantaged savings vehicle created in the "Big Beautiful Bill Act" with a focus on protecting multi-billionares from paying their fair share of taxes.

3. Susan and Michael Dell the company's billionaire founders are in the pockets of the President of the United States. How much money is enough for the ultra wealthy? They appear to be willing to put the.most vulnerable to life threatening positions. Good Government should be helping our poorest and also the middle class which is the bulk of our citizens statistically. Also when the.middle class prosper the overall economy re.ains robust.

4. Representative Bryan Steil from Wisconsin is taking credit for helping bring $94.3 million for the state to reduce lead in the water except the flow of money came from a bill President Biden got passed in the bi-partisan infrastructure law that Representative Steil voted against. What a phony politician. Republicans need to call out their colleagues when they display unethical stances. These politicians who blind eye negative behavior do not deserve your vote. Locally that is Representative Bill Huizenga.

5. Capitol rioters are clamoring for Slush fund payouts. Criminals attempting to receive illegallly obtained funds. Modern day politicians stealing public funds and giving them to convicted felons. It feels like a fictional movie, only problem it's reality from the Republican Party and the Trump Administration. Recently the funds have been put on hold.

6. Trump called James Talarico running for the Senate a Transgender on Fox News. This is not true, and Talarico responded by calling the accusation a bigoted response to Villiers the Transgender population. Fox News which is not a licensed news agency are also guilty of defaming James Talarico. It's interesting that his opponent Ken Paxton has been involved in many scandals and found guilty of securities fraud along with ongoing allegations of corruption. He was ordered to pay $300,000 in restitution and complete community service. Ethics to Ken Paxton mean nothing.

7. A judge ordered Trump to address fraud allegations in the $10 billion dollar lawsuit against the IRS that the deal was designed to improperly benefit Trump and his allies.There were 35 former federal judges calling to reopen the case to determine that the out of court settlement "is a product of collusion and is itself a fraud on the court". Another brewing scandal.

8. Trump is pushing agencies to lessen childhood vaccinations putting preventable diseases at risk. Taking care of citizens is not a priority.

9. Military Promotions: Defense Secretary Hegseth intervened to try and promote Captain William Francis Jr.a member of Hegseth's inner circle who has been previously passed over by promotion boards because other candidates were more deserving. The nine officers blocked by Hegseth three were women and two Black men. The secretary's action is in violation of rules governing promotions that are supposed to be apolitical and merit based. This comes on the heels of Hegseth blocking four Army colonels. Under President Trump and Secretary Hegseth two women and two Black men who were slated to become one star generals. Under Trump and Hegseth kakistocracy has taken place. Talent and service has gone out the windows, how sad!

10. President Trump's new pick for Director of National Intelligence is Bill Pulte, a federal housing official who has no previous intelligence experience and is known as a staunchTrump loyalists. He was named acting as the Senate would have to confirm this appointment. Some Republicans have already voiced opposition to his position. He is incompetent in both positions.

Interesting how Gerrymandering originated. Massachusetts Governor in 1812 wanted to redraw maps for state senate race. He got it passed in the state legislature. It got its name by the Governor's last name and a salamander which was deemed as a unwelcome creature. Gerry lost his election for Governor as Gerry was considered a dishonest person with immoral values even though he was Vice President in the James Madison Administration. We should label it immoral in today's politics.

This is a.list of 10 to consider whether you agree or disagree with the direction of our country politically. Sad to say there are many more examples. Please become informed before you vote and vote your conscience.

Mark Austin Hopkins

95,000 Rides in One Year!

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Your Support Interurban Transit Authority, "the bus", was established in 1980. We've grown and so have our services. Residents, people who have second homes here and visitors depend on the bus. Voters have always approved millage to support us. In the next few weeks you will see testimonials from our neighbors who use the bus to go to the grocery store, to local retailers, to meet friends at local clubs and restaurants, to go to worship services, to visit friends, to avoid parking congestion, to get their students to and from Saugatuck Public Schools, to pick up their vehicles at service facilities.

People with permanent disabilities use our services thanks to wheelchair lifts on all buses. Home bound people have their prescriptions delivered by the bus, people who have temporary driving restrictions due to illness or injuries depend on the bus, people ride to and from Holland on Tuesdays, elderly people sponsored by the Commission on Aging get their transportation on the bus. In winter months the bus will pick up meals ordered at local restaurants and deliver to local residents.

The list is long and there are many other reasons people depend on the bus. None of us knows when we might need public transportation. Please vote to renew millage for Interurban Transit Authority on the August 2026 ballot!!

Stephen Chase

Elementary, middle school educators should be recognized

To the editor:

There are but few times when whole communities join to celebrate collective accomplishment; yet, Thursday-last was just such an evening, where a commencement of students, and matriculation for others, occurred. We were witnesses. For some, it is the completion of formal education, for others it is a certification of readiness for their next tier of academic explorations. To borrow from Kurt Vonnegut's uncle Alex… *if this isn't beautiful, I don't know what is*.

Last Thursday, the scene set under a clear, blue sky and brilliant golden-hour sun… this was perhaps the multiverse foreshadowing the future that these students will enjoy. It was a night just like this, on June 8, 1972, when two-hundred-and-some fellow classmates and I were launched from Allegan into the world from this very same place, under an equally blue and brilliant sky. This year's combined choirs reminded us of *Home*.

I was delighted to see our school system respect the process by honoring the Oxfordian tradition of Students, Bachelors, Masters, Specialists, and Doctors—all in delightful, colored, academic regalia. And here is why I am delighted: the tradition helps make the ceremony important. It demonstrates certification. It demonstrates the continuum of the process. It elicits a subtle thank- you. As a family behind me opined, I *want one of those outfits*!

There is just one other thing that I was hoping to see, but didn't—perhaps it was an oversight. There were neither elementary, nor middle school educators represented in the procession of scholars. Valediction gave no nod to their contribution. Nine years forgotten.

Those nine years represent the initiation of the process that we gathered to celebrate. When the *tabula rasa* of early childhood is launched into numeracy, and literacy. It is the process where Dick and Jane become Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy; where {0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5} become Fibonacci.

I write in respect for second grade…

Michael Kiella, PhD -Allegan

Obituaries

Sharon Lavon (Baux) Moreno

Sharon Lavon (Baux) Moreno, beloved mother, daughter, sister and friend passed away December 29th 2025, after a brief illness. She was 69.

Sharon was born October 11, 1956 in Kalamazoo, MI to Daniel and Lila Baux. She spent the majority of her life in West Michigan. It was there she raised her three children, John, Suzanne and Stevie and welcomed her three step-children into her family. She was a spitfire who modeled the way for her kids, instilling a good work ethic and ensuring they knew the value of a dollar. She later moved to the South Florida area. Sharon spent more than two decades there, some of her most rewarding years. There she embraced a coastal lifestyle and love for the ocean. You could find her taking quiet strolls on the beach collecting the best sea shells or on her porch sipping coffee and listening to the birds. Above everything, she loved being present for her grandchildren, visiting frequently, attending their various activities and finding every way to spoil them. They were her greatest joys.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents Daniel and Lila. She is survived by her spouse, Edward; children John, Suzanne (Paul), Stevie (Ryan); step-children Edward Jr. (Lindsay), Maria (Markus), Michael (Erin); Siblings Daniel (Liz), Brian (Rhonda), Paula (Kevin); grandchildren Madison, Mya, Nikolas, Kevin, Morgan, Makenna, Liliana and Magnolia, as well as multiple step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place in accordance with her wishes. A funeral mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament (110 N Cedar St. Allegan, MI) June 13th at 10am, followed by private burial.

Those wishing to share memories or condolences to the family are welcomed to attend a Celebration of life at The Robinson Manor (701 Marshall St. Allegan, MI) June 13th at 12pm.

Willard Lee Jennings

Willard Lee Jennings, a beloved pillar of the Allegan community, passed away peacefully at his home in Allegan, Michigan, on May 31, 2026. Born on November 19, 1933, at home on the same street where he would later depart this life, Willard's journey was marked by devotion, hard work, and unwavering service to others.

A lifelong resident of Allegan, Willard's remarkable commitment to his community was reflected in many aspects of his life. He was the longest-serving member of the Allegan United Methodist Church, a testament to his deep faith and dedication. His service extended beyond his spiritual community as he devoted twenty years to the Allegan Fire Department, embodying courage and readiness to help those in need. Furthermore, Willard contributed significantly as a longtime board member of the Allegan Credit Union. He also cherished his time with the Port-a-bed Camping Group, enjoying friendships and the outdoors.

Willard's career was distinguished by his diligence and loyalty. He retired after years of service at Rockwell International as a shipping clerk and later from Perrigo Co., always bringing a strong work ethic to every role he embraced.

His character shone through in his personal life. Known for the twinkle in his eye and a charming dimple, Willard led a life devoted to servitudeâ€"whether for his family, community, or church. Beyond his serious commitments, he was a fierce card player, engaging friends and family alike with skill and good spirit.

Willard honored his country as a draftee and soldier in the United States Army, reflecting his sense of duty beyond the local community.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Judith Jennings, whose partnership was a cornerstone of his life. Their children, James (Deb) Jennings of Allegan, Jeffrey (Lisa) Jennings of Wyoming, Joel (Robin) Jennings of Hamilton, and Julie (Art) Ziemelis of Allegan, carry forward his legacy, as do his grandchildren: Justin, Kim, Brad, Melissa, Madison, Emma, Carson, Allie, Mikus, Ellija, Rudis, Noah, and McClane, along with 13 great-grandchildren. They remember him fondly and with profound respect.

Willard was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Jordan Bishop, and his sisters, Rosie Jennings and Rachal Wait, who remain dearly remembered in the hearts of the family.

Willard Jennings' life was one of steadfast dedicationâ€"to family, faith, and community. His legacy endures, not only through the institutions and friendships he nurtured but most importantly through the love and memories held by those who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever revered.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Allegan United Methodist Church on June 12, 2026 at 1:00. A visitation will be held from 12:00-1:00 before the service with a reception following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wings of Hope Hospice or the Allegan United Methodist Trustee Fund.

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Frog Prince arrives in Plainwell, auditions are June 15th

By Gari Voss

The Plainwell Arts Council is excited to present the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Frog Prince". Otsego and Plainwell students in 1st through 12th Grade are invited to a group audition on Monday, June 15, 2026, beginning at 9:50am at the Allegan High School Performing Arts Center.

Audition registration forms are available at Ransome District Library or on the Plainwell Arts Council Facebook page and must be returned by June 12th. During auditions, students will be selected for roles, and rehearsals for the production will continue each day that week from 10am to 2:30pm. Lunch will be available in the high school cafeteria for free.

The production will be June 20, 2026, at 7pm in the Plainwell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for general admission. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased for $9 at Passiflora in downtown Plainwell.

"These are amazing productions," explained Cathy Green, Arts Council representative. "The Missoula Children's Theatre comes on Sunday with their Little Red Truck full of scenery, props, and costumes. Their two directors and production team audition the children and run rehearsals. Amazing things happen in one week when this production is pulled together culminating in a phenomenal production."

The Plainwell Arts Council is grateful to Charles and Betsy Hill, whose donor advised fund with the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) assists in making these productions possible.

Before COVID, the Plainwell was a regular stop for these summer productions. The Arts Council is just getting its momentum back. The Missoula Children's Theatre is the nation's largest touring children's theatre and has been touring extensively for more than 50 years now from Montana to Japan. This year they will visit nearly 1,000 communities with up to 44 teams of Tour Actor/Directors. A tour team arrives in a given town with a set, lights, costumes, and props, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production.

For additional information, email Cathy Green at greensees@icloud.com.

Abdul El Sayed speaks at Allegan Tech Center on Thursday

The Primary Elections will be held on August 4, 2026. Candidates are making their rounds across Michigan. On Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6pm, Abdul El Sayed, candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be the guest speaker at the Allegan Tech Center, 2891 116th St. He has a short presentation and then will be taking questions from the audience. This is open to the public.

He is running for the U.S. Senate because he believes life in America shouldn't be this hard. His "AAA Plan" focuses on eliminating cost-sharing for Medicare beneficiaries, lifting the Social Security payroll tax cap, and providing a federal framework for state-level property tax freezes. .

El-Sayed, is running in the three-way Democratic primary between State Sen. Mallory McMorrow of Royal Oak and U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens of Birmingham for U.S. Senator.

Invasive Garlic Mustard harvested

By Gari Voss

The spring brough rain and invasive plants by the thousands. 150 pounds of Garlic Mustard was pulled, bagged, & disposed of at the Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve. A huge thank you goes to the Allegan Conservation District, the Outdoor Discovery Center Network, and a dedicated group of volunteers for removing an incredible 150 pounds of garlic mustard from Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve. Then another 55 pounds were harvested by six volunteers at Silver Creek Park.

The Garlic Mustard harvesters at the Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve in Allegan pulled 150 pounds of invasive weeds in just a couple hours! Pictured from right to left: Ari Henson-ACD Restoration Coordinator, unknown volunteer, Rosie Hunter, Nathan Hilbrands-ACD Watershed Technician, unknown volunteer, Dave Brown- Stewardship and Fire Manager for Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC). Other volunteers assisted but left before the photo. Photo courtesy of the Allegan Conservation District

Garlic mustard is one of the most harmful invasive plants in Michigan woodlands. It spreads rapidly, crowds out native wildflowers, and releases chemicals into the soil that make it harder for other plants to grow. By removing it before it sets seed, volunteers help protect the rich diversity of native plants that wildlife depend on.

The Allegan Conservation and Outdoor Discovery Center Network staff thank everyone for their hard work. A major dent was made in the garlic mustard population at these preserves.

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

June 14, 1951

Floyd Harter marks 30th year with fire department: One of Allegan's best-liked public servants marked his 30th anniversary at his job with fanfare last Saturday.

It was on June 8, 1921, that Floyd Harter first went to work for the Allegan fire department. Now, he's still going strong.

Harter's joining the department marked its transition from horse-drawn to motorized equipment. He recalls that he was approached about the job by Charles Schellas, then a member of the village board. A "Nash Quad" truck was on order and the board needed someone to drive it.

BEFORE HARTER came, Bill Barham was driver for the department. For three months, Harter continued with horses in a small Ford truck. Then the big day came. The new truck, made especially for fire fighting, came equipped with hose reels and a 40-gallon chemical tank, but no pump. The day the truck arrived there was an alarm. The Koviok home on North street was afire. Harter recalls that the house, not far from the railroad track, caught fire on an average of three times a summer. Sparks from locomotive engines were blamed.

IN FACT the same house caught fire on the day they received its first really heavy equipment. It was a Reo pumper and, in 1924, it was put to immediate use at the Kovioks when it was delivered here.

June 10, 1976

Tiger netmen end best season yet: Five Allegan players participated in the state tennis tournament and the team finished sixth with two points in the meet in Kalamazoo Saturday.

JACK BUIST and John Webber scored a pair of wins, defeating Coenen and Nye of Hastings 6-2, 6-3 and Ferguson and Harper of Fenton 6-3, 6-1, before losing in the quarter-finals to Murray and Ficarro of Detroit Austin 6-2, 6-2.

Coach Gary Ellis said, "It was fitting that Jack (Buist) and John (Webber) ended their careers as Allegan playing on the front courts at Stowe Stadium - home of the Nationals."

Allegan's other qualifying doubles duo, Hogi Holst and Tim Coopmans, lost in the first round to a steady tandem from Manistee, Solberg and Hahn, 6-3, 6-4.

Mike Swaney, the Tigers' lone singles representative, lost 6-4, 6-0 to Bill Wood, South Haven's number one singles player during the season.

THE TEAM HAD several successes and several firsts during the season. They gained their first ever over Three Rivers and their initial Wolverine Conference Championship, qualified five for the state meet, and grabbed their second successive regional title.

Wolverine Conference and Regional champions, Allegan's tennis team had a 14-1 overall record and was unbeaten in the league. They are front from left, Phil Dunford, Steve Hoffman, Dave Miller, Jack Buist, Mike Swaney, Jim Atherton, Pete Harrison, and Andy Staton, and back row, Tom Gilligan, John Huitt, Hogi Holst, Tim Coopmans, John Webber, and Coach Gary Ellis. Not pictured were Tom Armstrong and Roger Handlogten. —van Melle photo

June 14, 2001

Friends begin adult day care begun to help people: Lona Sliter of Fennville, Brenda Wesseling of Allegan and Pam Bauer of Paw Paw have spent many years caring for adults in nursing homes and other settings. Often their jobs at nursing homes have been rushed and only offered time to meet the immediate, minimum physical needs of individuals. This proved to be discouraging, and each woman was feeling the threat of burnout.

The three friends have considered going into business together for some time. They even toyed with the idea of a restaurant. But after much soul searching, they determined their hearts were with helping people. After assessing the positive and negative experiences in their roles as caregivers, the three women decided to start the Sunrise Adult Day Services.

They have had the idea for seven years, but serious preparation began in late 2000. They conducted research in Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties, visiting other adult day care facilities. The Small Business Association at Kalamazoo College assisted them in developing a business plan.

This sort of business would be more of a social and fun-focused venture and would fill in the gap for many families who before didn't have another alternative. As the women put in their brochure for Sunrise, "Adult Day Services assists its participants to remain in the community, enabling families and other care-givers to continue caring at home for a family member who can no longer live independently."

Anna Wenzel of Allegan plays kickball with the staff of Sunrise Adult Day Services. (Photo by Ramona Leiter)

June 17, 2021

Yvonne Pardee's quick response saves woman: On June 10, 2021, the Wayland Police Department announced that Yvonne Pardee of Wayland "saved a life and came to the rescue of a lady in need at the Wayland United Church."

This was already an extremely emotional day for Yvonne's husband Andrew's family since this luncheon followed the burial of Andrew's grandmother Lois Edwards, who had died unexpectedly.

Ms. Pardee shared, "Grandma had worked for the schools for 30 years, everyone knew her, and about 200 people turned out for the funeral. People were coming in to get food and some were already eating. I was sitting with my mother-in-law and friends when we noticed that the lady at the next table was shaking."

At first, Yvonne and her mother-in-law thought the elderly woman was having a seizure, then Yvonne jumped up when she realized that the woman was choking. The husband was asking his wife Sandra, "Are you alright, dear?"

The woman was not alright. "First, I tapped the woman on the back several times, but there was no change. I performed the Heimlich as the woman sat in her chair. It took 4 or 5 tries before whatever got caught was dislodged. Then, she released more."

"We waited, but I was not sure if she was back to her normal self so I called 911. They took over from there," Yvonne explained.

Pardee works for Education Station, so she renews her First Aid/CPR certification every two years. Her response to the accolades was, "I hate all the attention but I guess it is a good reminder for everyone to update their first aid/CPR certification.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

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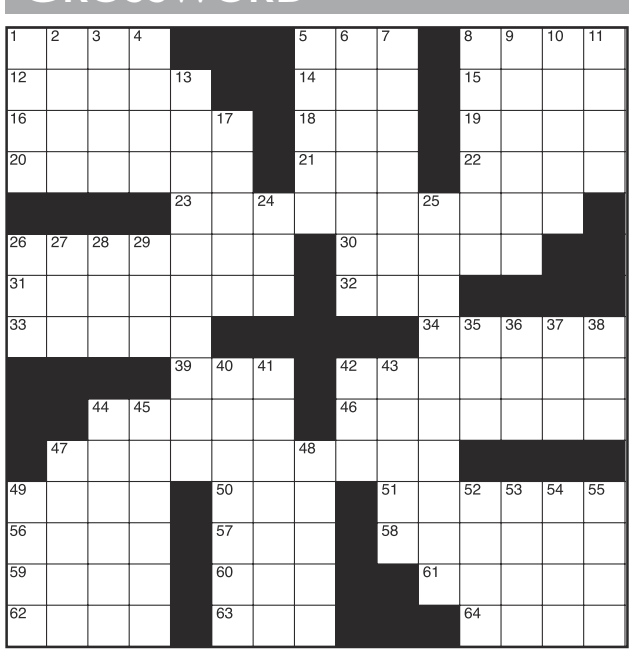

CLUES ACROSS
1. Sealed with a kiss
5. Large sandwich
8. Swiss city
12. Japanese persimmons
14. When you hope to get somewhere
15. Wings
16. A name of God
18. Elected official (informal)
19. Abnormal breathing
20. 'Seinfeld' character
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
22. Something for sale
23. Gets rid of
26. One who touts
30. Blemished
31. Less than exciting
32. Born of
33. N. German town
34. Notes
39. Move away from land
42. Vulcanite
44. More ignoble
46. Child actor Kirk
47. Written works
49. Sea vessel
50. Residue
51. Engraved
56. Having sufficient skill
57. One and only
58. Erase
59. Broad inlets
60. Nightmarish street
61. Play again
62. Formerly (archaic)
63. Add a color to change the color
64. Move swiftly and lightly

CLUES DOWN
1. Scottish island
2. River in the Netherlands
3. Asian people
4. Fuzzy fruit
5. Ninth month (abbr.)
6. An idealistic social reformer
7. What you owe
8. Colorless mineral
9. Overjoyed
10. Rattling breaths
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. A citizen of Senegal
17. Greek mythological beauty
24. Wrath
25. Instrument to measure wind speed
26. Luxury carmaker
27. Bitterly regret
28. Not or
29. Google certification
35. Midway between northeast and east
36. Space station
37. Relating to the ears
38. Congressman
40. Yelled at
41. Rudely assertive
42. Defunct European money
43. Shared one's soul
44. Onion rolls
45. A way to state clearly
47. Relating to a lobe
48. Underlying message
49. Hollywood pig
52. Indicates pitch
53. Filament of a feather
54. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
55. Diminish

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Deaths

March 21, 2026
JONIE LEE COOK, 69, Otsego
April 25, 2026
RONALD BRUCE FINTON, 84, Plainwell
May 11, 2026
ROBERT DAVID FINK, 76, Trowbridge Twp.
May 17, 2026
SUSAN DAWN WEIMER, 78, Fennville
NYOKA WILSON, 54, Saugatuck Twp.
May 21, 2026
ROBERT EUGENE SCHULTZ, 79, Valley Twp.
LUCILLE YOUNG, 88, Dorr Twp.
May 22, 2026
ERMA JOAN TAYLOR, 91, Salem Twp.
May 23, 2026
LOUISE JANE KIPEN, 95, Salem Twp.
ROBERT CARL DURHAM, 90, Plainwell
SUSAN KAY TEMPLE, 77, Trowbridge Twp
May 25, 2026
ROBERT IVAN NISWENDER, 94, Allegan
May 26, 2026
PAMELA ANN OKANE, 70, Lee Twp.
SHIRLEY ANN TEDALDI, 90, Douglas
May 28, 2026
DIANE LYNN JONES, 70, Allegan Twp.
May 29, 2026
JAMES ELSON BELCHER, 75, Otsego

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between May 26 and June 3:

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ETHAN HENRY JACKIEWICZ, Wayland, and **ELAYNA CHRISTINE WIEBENGA**, Hamilton
KATELYN MARIE BOWMAN, Dorr, and **ANTHONY JAMES SMOLENSKI**, Dorr
REID JACK HOLMES, Martin, and **HANNAH ELIZABETH BLOOMBERG**, Martin
HEATHER NICOLE BARTON, Allegan, and **CHARLES BENJAMIN KROLL**, Allegan
CORY MATTHEW ROSE, Shelbyville, and **HEATHER LOUISE KING**, Shelbyville
ELIAS MICHAEL TERHAAR, Holland, and **EMILIE ANN SCHOLTEN**, Hamilton
LINDA KAY STUIVE, Wayland, and **CHRISTOPHER JAY SEVIGNY**, Wayland
JAMES DOUGLAS SCHARPHORN, Allegan, and **MACAILEY KAY STEFFENS**, Hopkins
MAKAYLA MARIE ROGERS, Allegan, and **JOSHUA LEE HANSEN**, Allegan
NOELLE MARIE MILLER, Allegan, and **DANIEL FRANK ESSMYER**, Allegan
LINDSEY MAE MCLAUGHLIN, Otsego, and **TRAVIS DILLON STRAUGHN**, Otsego
SABRIE FAITH SNELLER, Holland, and **NICHOLAS TIMOTHY WILLIAMS**, Hamilton
JAELYN REBECCA WISE, Wayland, and **ALEX LEE WALTER**, Wayland
JOSHUA ERNEST THAXTON, Allegan, and **RAEANNE M OLIVERI**, Allegan
BRIAN EDWARD FEE, Allegan, and **HOLLY MARIE THOMPSON**, Allegan
JOSHUA ALLAN WRIGHT, Wayland, and **JENNIFER MARIE KLASSEN**, Caledonia
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Family-friendly summer activities return to Otsego

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

From movie nights and magic shows to a color run, Touch a Truck and outdoor discovery programs, a summer full of family-friendly activities is returning to Otsego.

Otsego Public Schools and Together Otsego Prospers (TOP) have once again partnered to offer a variety of free events throughout the summer, giving area families opportunities to stay active, learn something new and spend time together.

Activities are scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at locations throughout the city, with free meals available in conjunction with many of the programs.

Tuesday evening events take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the TOP Pavilion in downtown Otsego. Free dinner is available for children ages 18 and younger from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Tuesday series began June 9 with Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary and continues with Touch a Truck on June 16, a showing of *Zootopia 2* on June 23 and Red, White & Blue Night on July 7.

Additional events include a Color Run/Fitness Night on July 14, Art Night featuring rock painting on July 21 and Water Night on July 28.

Wednesday afternoon activities take place from 1 to 2 p.m. at Northside Park, with free lunch served from noon to 1 p.m.

Upcoming Wednesday events include magician Alan Kazam on June 17, Mr. Juggling Mans on June 24, Holland Outdoor Discovery Center on July 8 and a Home Depot building project on July 15.

The series also features a Christmas in July celebration on July 22 and concludes July 29 with a back-to-school backpack and school supplies giveaway.

A third series of events is scheduled for Thursdays at Otsego Memorial Park.

Those activities run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., with free lunch available from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

The Thursday lineup includes Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Wiffle Ball activities on June 11, Water Day featuring slip-and-slide and water balloon games on July 9 and Volleyball, Football and Soccer activities on July 16.

None of the programs will take place during the week of June 28 through July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

In addition to the special events, OPS will once again provide free summer meals for children throughout the community.

Beginning June 17 and continuing through Aug. 1, breakfast will be served from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Washington Street Elementary. At Otsego High School, breakfast will be available from 7 to 8 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will also be served at Otsego Memorial Park from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and at Otsego Northside Park from noon to 1 p.m.

A weekly mobile food distribution program will also provide seven breakfasts and seven lunches to families at several locations throughout the city. Distribution times are 5 to 5:30 p.m. at Gun River East Mobile Home Park, 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. at Gun River West Mobile Home Park, 6:30 to 7 p.m. at Lombardini Mobile Home Park and 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. at Watson Mobile Home Park.

The district will also once again operate its Bookin' Bus throughout the summer beginning June 17. The mobile library allows students to check out books and stay engaged in reading while school is not in session.

The Bookin' Bus will stop at Washington Street Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m., the TOP Riverfront Pavilion on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Otsego Memorial Park on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon and Otsego Northside Park on Thursdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Like the other summer programs, the Bookin' Bus will not operate during the week of June 28 through July 4.

All activities are free and open to area families.

Summer Reading Program kicks off at Ransom Library

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Children explored fossils, searched for dinosaurs and signed up for a summer full of reading during Ransom District Library's "Dino-Mite Summer Reading Kickoff" on Monday, June 8.

The event officially launched the library's 2026 Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story," which runs through Aug. 14 and encourages readers of all ages to discover new books while earning prizes along the way.

Assistant Library Director Erin Marsh said participants can register for the program at the library and receive a notebook to track the books they read throughout the summer.

The program is open to readers of all ages, from young children through adults. Participants are challenged to read five books during the summer. Once those five books have been completed and recorded in their reading notebook, readers can return to the library to select a prize and begin working toward additional rewards.

Children receive a real shark tooth simply for signing up, and prize boxes are available for a variety of age groups, including preschool children, early elementary students, older elementary students and teens.

Library officials hope the program encourages participants to continue reading throughout the summer while also providing opportunities to discover new authors, genres and subjects.

This year's theme centers on dinosaurs, fossils, paleontology and geology, which were featured prominently during the June 8 kickoff event.

Representatives from the Michigan Geological Survey joined library staff to offer a variety of hands-on activities, including fossil exploration stations, dinosaur bone puzzles and opportunities for children to create their own fossils using air-dry clay.

Other activities included a dinosaur scavenger hunt, dinosaur-themed crafts and challenges designed to test whether participants could run as fast as some prehistoric creatures.

While the kickoff marked the beginning of the program, library officials said the summer schedule includes a wide range of activities for children, teens and families.

Recurring programs include weekly Story Time sessions, Big Kid Story Time, Mesozoic Mondays and Yoga Adventures for Kids.

The library also will host several special events throughout the summer, including presentations by Science Heroes and Ben Jammin', a magic show featuring Mr. Jim Merrills, a visit from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary and a Lunch with the Author event featuring local author Theresa Borst.

Additional hands-on activities include dinosaur-themed T-shirt design, fossil exploration projects, dinosaur art programs, a dinosaur egg hunt, Water War, Microscopic Magic, clay creations and a variety of science-based learning opportunities.

A special highlight of the summer schedule is "Dino Academy," presented by Bright Star Theatre on July 17. The interactive performance combines science, storytelling and imagination through life-sized dinosaur puppets.

Teen patrons also will find a variety of opportunities throughout the summer.

Programs include Manga Night, Dungeons & Dragons sessions, Soccer Bots, themed craft projects, gaming activities and special events such as cup stacking workshops and dinosaur-themed role-playing games.

Library officials said the goal is to provide engaging opportunities for community members of all ages while helping encourage reading throughout the summer months.

With reading challenges, hands-on activities and special presentations scheduled throughout the summer, library officials hope participants will discover new books while continuing to build a love of reading.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program remains open, and participants may sign up by visiting Ransom District Library. Additional information, including a complete schedule of summer events, is available through the library.

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Loss in regional finals ends historic season for 'Blazers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—A season that began with questions ended with the deepest postseason run in program history.

Saugatuck's memorable campaign came to a close Thursday with a 6-0 loss to seventh-ranked Kalamazoo Christian in a Division 4 regional final.

While the Trailblazers fell short of advancing further, they also became the first soccer team in school history — boys or girls — to win a regional game and reach a regional final.

For a team that entered the season with a first-year coach, a new goalkeeper and plenty of questions, the postseason run exceeded nearly everyone's expectations.

"I don't think anybody saw us doing what we did," Saugatuck coach Neal Phillips said. "With me stepping in as a new coach and us losing a keeper that was seen as the best goalkeeper in the whole conference, I don't think anybody expected this. That's what's so special. It was kind of a surprise."

Kalamazoo Christian showed why it entered the match ranked among the best teams in Division 4.

The Comets scored three goals in the opening half—the third of which came with 35 seconds left in the half—to build a 3-0 lead.

Despite the deficit, Saugatuck continued to battle. The Trailblazers kept Kalamazoo Christian off the scoreboard for more than 25 minutes in the second half before the Comets added three late goals to pull away.

Phillips felt momentum played a major role in the outcome.

"I think momentum was huge in this game," he said. "I think the fact that we were kind of punching up a little bit, we needed to be the one that made impacts first. When we lost that opportunity, I think it kind of put us in a corner.

"You try to adjust, you try to fight, but I think against a team like that, you have to score first and make the first move."

The Trailblazers finished the season with a 13-7 record, a district championship, the program's first regional victory and the deepest postseason run in school history.

For senior standout Neave Rewa, the accomplishments were about much more than wins and losses.

"It means way more than I can put into words," Rewa said. "From the beginning of the season, from the first practice and the first game to where we are now, accomplishing more than we have in all my four years, let alone all of history, it's just amazing.

"I'm so proud of everyone and how they kept pushing through the season and kept showing up for each other. We finished super strong and really added to the legacy of Saugatuck soccer."

Rewa also pointed to the support that exists throughout the Saugatuck community as a driving force behind the success enjoyed by several Trailblazer programs this year.

"I think we have a really special community at Saugatuck," she said. "Everyone shows up for each other and everyone is always there rooting each other on. It's been awesome to see everyone grow over the past four years and all of our programs grow as well."

The season marked the final chapter for a senior class that helped elevate the program to unprecedented heights.

That class included Rewa, Jordan Sanders, Audrey Rodewald, Julia Lowery, Ellery Panepento, Estelle McParlan, Danica Longoria, Avery Smith, Kielee Sisson and Kailee Sisson.

As Phillips reflected on the season, the results were only part of what stood out.

"I'm going to remember how far we've come," he said. "The beginning of the season was so wild. We were up and down just trying to find our identity, but they stuck with it. They had a lot of grit.

"More than anything, they supported each other so well. It's so easy to have infighting and people getting upset with each other, but they never did. No matter what happened, they kept showing up for each other. I'm just really proud of that."

Saugatuck senior Avery Smith (18) controls the ball during the regional final loss to Kalamazoo Christian. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego drops pitchers' dual in D2 regional semifinals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

COLDWATER—Otsego senior Kaleb Hildebrand turned in arguably the best pitching performance of his career in arguably the biggest game of his career.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, Coldwater starter Owen Tappenden was just a little bit better.

Despite a complete-game effort from Hildebrand—who scattered five hits and allowed one run with two walks and eight strikeouts—Otsego dropped a 1-0 decision to Coldwater in a Division 2 regional semifinal Wednesday, June 3.

The loss ended the Bulldogs' season one game after they captured a district championship.

Just four days earlier, Hildebrand tossed a complete game and allowed only one run in Otsego's district championship victory over Plainwell, a performance coach Matt Eldred described as one of the best outings of the senior's career.

Against Coldwater, Hildebrand may have been even better.

The senior threw all seven innings on 99 pitches, including 64 strikes, consistently working ahead in counts.

Senior Kaleb Hildebrand allowed just one run in a complete-game against Coldwater. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"Kaleb pretty much put us on his shoulders in the district final and the regional game," Eldred said. "In the 14 innings, he had 14 strikeouts, two walks and two earned runs. Just incredible command of his arsenal in these last two games."

Eldred said Hildebrand's success went beyond the numbers.

"(He's a) super intense kid, especially when he is on the mound," Eldred said. "I felt my main purpose was just trying to help keep him centered."

Eldred also credited catcher Nolan Whitmore for helping guide the Bulldogs through the postseason.

"(Hildebrand) and Nolan Whitmore called their own game," Eldred said. "Those two really worked well together."

Tappenden matched Hildebrand pitch for pitch for much of the afternoon. The Coldwater right-hander retired the first 11 batters he faced before Jaxon Ray broke up the perfect-game bid with a two-out single in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Ray stole second to move into scoring position, but a groundout ended the threat.

Coldwater scored the game's lone run in the top of the fourth.

After a leadoff double, Hildebrand recorded a strikeout before a single put runners on the corners. A fielder's choice later in the inning brought home the run.

Otsego continued to battle offensively despite Tappenden's dominance.

The Bulldogs put another runner aboard in the fifth when Merrill Bailey was hit by a pitch, while Landon Wrobleski drew a leadoff walk in the sixth. Coldwater erased both opportunities with pickoffs.

Otsego's final chance came in the seventh.

With one out, Ray singled for his second hit of the game against reliever Dayton Ennis, who entered after Tappenden reached his pitch limit. The hit brought the potential tying run aboard, but Ennis struck out the final two batters to end the game.

"This game was just a good old-fashioned pitcher's duel," Eldred said. "Two guys with great stuff commanding it and pitching with incredible confidence.

"We made some mistakes that you cannot make in a game like that. But I'm incredibly proud of the way our kids competed to the very end."

The defeat closed the curtain on a memorable season for the Bulldogs.

Otsego did not pick up its first victory until April 23, but the Bulldogs continued to improve throughout the spring before ultimately capturing a district championship and advancing to the regional semifinals.

The season also carried special meaning for Eldred and his family.

Prior to Otsego's first win, the Bulldogs wore hats embroidered with the name of Eldred's daughter, Abby, who passed away during the offseason.

After that victory, the players placed their hats on the mound.

"I think it was to recognize Abby, and I took it also as a wonderful gesture of love for me and my family," Eldred said.

Looking back, Eldred said the Bulldogs never allowed a difficult start to define their season.

"Clearly, the easy path for our kids would have been to lounge around in our mediocrity," he said. "They made a choice, instead, to continue to grind and work so that they would be in the best position possible to have something fun happen at the end of the season."

Eldred also credited captains Brennan Brinkhuis, Brennan Perry and Landon Wrobleski for helping keep the team moving in the right direction throughout the season.

"The 2026 Bulldog baseball team certainly left a legacy that we are all proud of," he said.

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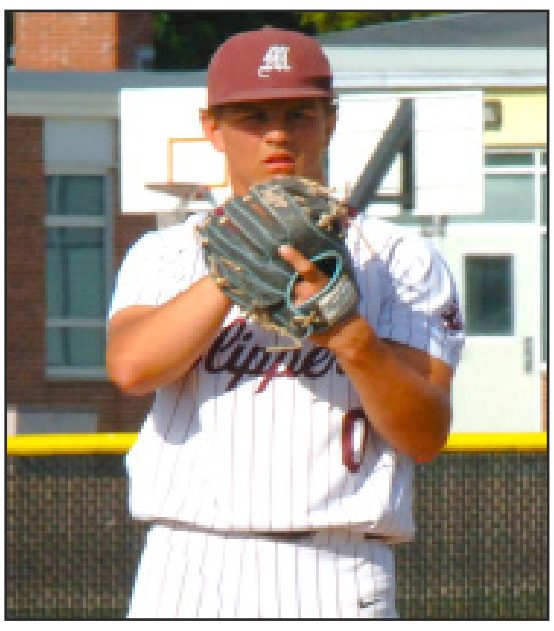
The Martin baseball team put together its finest season in two decades. Not only did the Clippers win the program's first divisional title since 2006, but they also claimed a Division 4 district title.

And Martin gave fourth-ranked Hackett Catholic a scare in the regional semis, falling 4-3. Senior Haylen Buell was a big reason for that, pitching 6.1 innings and holding the Irish scoreless after the first inning.



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Trailblazers fall to K-Christian in D3 regional semis

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KALAMAZOO—The postseason run for the Saugatuck baseball team came to an end Wednesday, June 4, but not before the Trailblazers took another significant step forward as a program.

After capturing their first district championship since 2016, Saugatuck saw its season conclude with a 9-2 loss to Kalamazoo Christian in a Division 3 regional semifinal.

While the result wasn't what the Trailblazers hoped for, first-year Saugatuck coach Jaden Grigg said the experience reinforced what the program is capable of becoming.

"I feel as if we came out a little tight to start the game," Grigg said. "(Starting pitcher Holden Burd's) command was a little shaky to begin the game. Defensively, we made a few mistakes as well, but credit to Kalamazoo Christian, they took advantage of the mistakes we made."

Saugatuck's Jack Drummond slides safely into third base during the Trailblazers' regional loss to Kalamazoo Christian. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

The Comets took advantage of those early opportunities, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning and putting Saugatuck in an immediate hole.

But rather than allowing the game to get away from them, the Trailblazers settled in.

Burd recovered from the rocky opening inning and kept Saugatuck within striking distance for much of the afternoon. The junior allowed five hits and seven runs—only three earned—over five innings while striking out five and walking four.

"Holden settled in on the mound, and the rest of the team settled down well defensively after the first," Grigg said. "We failed to take advantage on the offensive side, however, and weren't able to cut into the lead."

Burd's effort kept the Trailblazers within reach until Kalamazoo Christian broke the game open with four runs in the fifth inning to extend its lead to 7-0.

Saugatuck's runs came in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Jack Drummond reached base with a single before Braison Jones launched a two-run home run over the right-field fence, trimming the deficit to 7-2.

"The two-run home run was nice," Grigg said. "Braison has had his share of home runs this year."

The momentum, however, proved short-lived.

Kalamazoo Christian answered with two runs in the top seventh inning and Saugatuck was unable to mount another rally.

Jones finished with two hits and two RBIs, while Drummond, Burd and Soren Peterson each added a hit. Drummond, Burd, Peterson and Coltan Knicklebine each stole a base.

The regional appearance was Saugatuck's first since 2016, when current Cincinnati Reds outfielder Blake Dunn helped lead the Trailblazers to a district championship. Dunn's success has remained a source of inspiration for current players, and this year's team added its own chapter to the program's history by ending the district title drought.

More importantly, the Trailblazers appear well-positioned to build on that success.

Saugatuck graduates just two seniors from this year's roster and is expected to return the bulk of its lineup and pitching staff next season.

"We're only graduating two," Grigg said. "We expect to return everyone else, including one-through-seven in the batting order and four pitchers with double-digit innings pitched."

With a SAC division title, a district championship and a regional appearance already on the résumé, Grigg believes the standard has been raised.

"Now that we have the experience playing in these types of games, the goal should be to advance further into the postseason," he said.

For Grigg, the season's accomplishments extended beyond wins and championships.

"Overall, I am proud of the guys and the time and effort they put into this season," he said. "I appreciate the seniors and the four years they put into this program, and for establishing a foundation that we can build off in the coming years."

That foundation helped produce one of the most successful seasons in recent program history. Next season, the Trailblazers hope to continue building on it.

Wayland baseball succumbs in D2 regional finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

STEVENSVILLE—The final game didn't end the way the Wayland baseball team hoped.

That did little to diminish what was one of the most successful seasons in program history.

The Wildcats saw their season come to an end with a 7-2 loss to Coldwater in a Division 2 regional final Saturday, June 7, finishing with a 26-8 record that included an OK Gold Conference championship, a district title and a trip to the regional finals.

Wayland reached the regional championship game by defeating Charlotte 5-0 in a regional semifinal on Wednesday, June 3.

As had been the case throughout the season, pitching led the way.

"Folks asking me what this team's strengths were at the beginning of the season were told one word, pitching," Wayland coach Drew Lakatos said. "We have a deep staff that attacks both hitters and the strike zone. We preach throwing strikes and having opposing teams earn base runners."

Easton Williams and Hoyt Borgic combined to limit Charlotte to two hits and four base runners in the semifinal victory.

Lakatos said the Wildcats' pitching depth was a key factor throughout the season.

"Many teams have an ace, but we are fortunate to have five guys that can fill that role," Lakatos said, referencing Williams, Borgic, Will Lodenstein, Trent Moore and Gavin Mulder."

The victory over Charlotte continued an impressive postseason run for Wayland. Through its first four tournament games, the Wildcats allowed just two total runs.

Lakatos noted that Williams and Borgic were able to keep their pitch counts low against Charlotte, ensuring they would be available for the regional final against Coldwater.

The Wildcats were unable to carry that momentum into the championship game, however.

Coldwater scored two runs in the first inning, added two more in the sixth and broke the game open with three runs in the seventh.

Wayland scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings, but couldn't get any closer.

"We did not take advantage of the opportunities to score nor did we put enough defensive pressure on them," Lakatos said. "Coldwater did a solid job of putting the ball in play and were rewarded with a couple of crucial hits that had eyes. Not our day."

Despite the loss, the season marked a major step forward for the program.

The Wildcats captured the OK Gold Conference championship and district title while compiling a 26-8 record.

Even more impressive, Wayland accomplished all of that without a single senior on the roster.

"Overall, it may seem we have a young group, but they are experienced and have played in a number of big games," Lakatos said. "They won't shy away from tough competition or big games."

According to Lakatos, the team's success was built on trust, experience and a genuine love for the game.

"We believe we have a bunch of players that love and respect the game, trust each other to do their jobs and are enjoying this historic ride," he said. "We are thankful to the community for the support and hope we can continue our historic season."

While the regional final loss brought the season to a close, Lakatos believes the foundation is in place for continued success.

"We had a great season winning our conference and the district," he said. "We grew as a team and as individual players and I expect us to hit the ground running next spring. We will be back."

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Clippers fall just short against fourth-ranked Hackett

By Jason Wesseldyk
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DECATUR—The Martin baseball team dug itself an early hole against one of the top teams in Division 4.

The Clippers nearly climbed all the way back out.

After surrendering four runs in the top of the first inning, Martin answered with three runs over the next two frames. The Clippers stayed within striking distance the rest of the way before falling 4-3 to fourth-ranked Hackett Catholic Prep in a D4 regional semifinal Wednesday, June 3.

The loss ended a memorable season for the Clippers, who captured SAC Valley Division and district championships while continuing the program's resurgence under coach Brad Blauvelt.

Martin entered the matchup having lost 9-3 to Hackett earlier this season, but the rematch looked nothing like the first meeting.

"Our effort stood out; we played very well," Blauvelt said. "I think it's safe to say we played our best ball at the end of the season knocking off Maple Valley (in the district finals) and giving (Hackett) a run for their money."

Hackett seized control early.

The Irish scored four runs in the top of the first inning, using a hit batter with the bases loaded, a two-run single by Dom Smojver and a steal of home to build a 4-0 advantage.

Rather than let the game get away, Martin responded.

The Clippers scored once in the bottom of the first before adding two more runs in the second to cut the deficit to 4-3.

Peyton Schuring-Harris helped fuel the Clippers, driving in two runs with a double. He finished 1-for-2 with two RBIs, while Haylen Buell, Caleb Hopkins, Blake Sweeting and Schuring-Harris each collected a hit.

After the rocky opening inning, Martin received a tremendous effort on the mound from Buell.

The senior entered in relief and kept the Irish off the scoreboard for the final 6 1/3 innings, allowing four hits and two runs while striking out six and walking four.

His performance was made even more impressive by the fact he was not fully healthy entering the game.

"Haylen's performance on the mound stuck out to me," Blauvelt said. "He collided with his brother (freshman catcher Zaiden) in practice on Monday and wasn't 100 percent, yet like he's done time and time again he pitched one of his best games of the season."

The coach said watching Buell compete was one of the highlights of the afternoon.

"During the game I honestly took a few moments to just watch him on the mound and couldn't help but smile," Blauvelt said. "He's been so fun to watch play the game. He plays the game hard and his passion to win is second to none."

Martin had opportunities to pull even.

In the fourth inning, Zaiden Buell reached base and eventually advanced to second with two outs. The Clippers appeared poised to capitalize after Hackett intentionally walked Schuring-Harris, but the inning ended with the tying run thrown out at the plate.

The Clippers threatened again in the sixth when Anderson Keeler drove a deep fly ball to left field, only to see the Hackett outfielder make a running catch.

Martin's final chance came in the seventh.

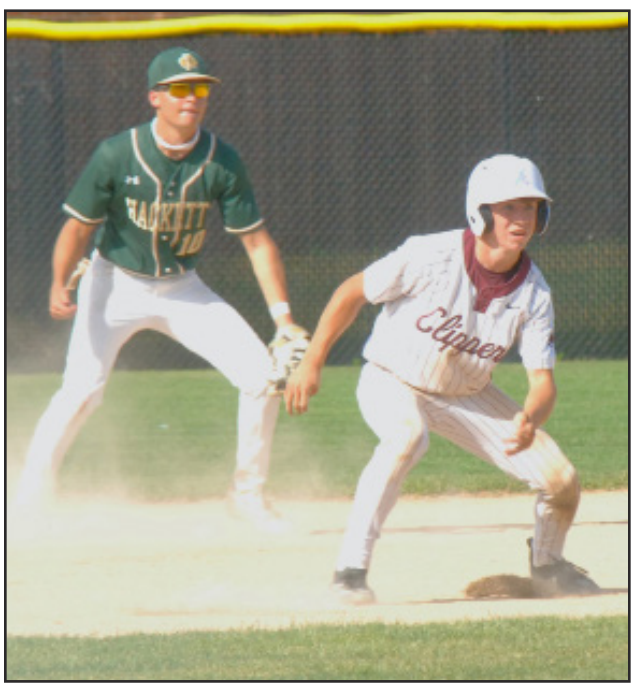
Schuring-Harris opened the inning by driving a ball to the warning track in center field before it was hauled in for the first out. A subsequent error put the potential tying run aboard, but Hackett turned a game-ending double play to secure the victory.

While the season ended one win shy of the regional final, Blauvelt said the accomplishments of this year's team extended well beyond Wednesday's result.

"I'm just really proud of how far we've come in a few years," he said. "(We were) conference champs, district champs and went down swinging against No. 4 HC. Couldn't ask for much more."

Blauvelt also credited his seniors for helping establish a foundation that he believes will continue to pay dividends in the future.

"The seniors really laid the foundation," he said. "They showed all the underclassmen what it takes to win. I am hoping we can start really rolling as a program now."



Martin's Zaiden Buell takes his lead off second base. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Martin senior Haylen Buell delivers a pitch against Hackett Catholic in a Division 4 regional semifinal. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck earns first regional win in program history

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—The Saugatuck girls soccer team added another chapter to its historic season Tuesday, June 4.

With a 5-1 victory over St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran in a Division 4 regional semifinal, the Trailblazers earned the first regional soccer victory in school history, regardless of gender.

"This was huge for us because we've never won a regional game," Saugatuck coach Neal Phillips said. "That's kind of where our sights were at the beginning of the season. We wanted to see if we could push the record, push the envelope a little bit farther."

The Trailblazers did just that, using a balanced offensive attack and a pivotal late first-half goal to seize control.

Leading 2-1 with time winding down in the opening half, Saugatuck earned a corner kick with less than 10 seconds remaining.

Neave Rewa raced toward the corner to put the ball in play before the halftime horn, even colliding with a teammate in her haste to get there.

She quickly recovered, delivered a dangerous ball into the box and watched as Jordan Sanders found the back of the net with two seconds remaining to give the Trailblazers a 3-1 advantage.

"That was really chaotic," Rewa said. "I could kind of hear everyone counting down. We have a lot of people on our team who are really good at heading and finishing corners, so I knew we had to take advantage of that opportunity. I was just trying to get to the ball as fast as I could and get a quality cross in there."

For Sanders, the play provided a momentum swing that carried into the second half.

"I was getting anxious, getting prepared to get that cross from Neave," Sanders said. "It was stressful. It just went through right to me and I went ahead and scored."

The Trailblazers struck first less than five minutes into the match when Audrey Rodewald scored off a rebound after a corner kick from Rewa glanced off the crossbar.

Michigan Lutheran answered midway through the first half. Katie Dailey converted a rebound after Saugatuck goalkeeper Virginia Cernugel stopped her penalty kick, tying the score at 1-1.

Saugatuck regained the lead with 13:33 remaining in the half when Sanders scored her first goal of the evening. Then came her dramatic goal just before halftime, giving the Trailblazers valuable breathing room heading into the break.

"There is a big difference between going into halftime up one goal and up two goals," Phillips said. "That was really big for us to finish off that goal. That's the second time we've been able to pull that off from a set piece this season."

The Trailblazers continued to apply pressure after halftime.

Rewa scored on a 2-on-1 opportunity before Ryann Monroe added another goal a short time later to push the lead to 5-1.

The offensive explosion came after Saugatuck survived back-to-back shootouts in district play, including a district championship victory over rival Black River just days earlier.

"We all knew what we had to do coming into the game," Rewa said. "It was a big game that we all really wanted to win. We didn't want to go into another shootout, so we were really focused on giving 100 percent and finishing our opportunities.

"It was relieving to be able to take a breath and just play like we know we can."

Phillips was equally pleased with the way contributions came from throughout the lineup.

"Sure, Neave scored, but we didn't lean on her as much tonight," he said. "Everybody played a great part. Our keeper made a save on a penalty kick. I loved seeing everybody doing things. That's what continues to bring us to the next level."

For Sanders, the victory represented more than just another postseason win.

"It means a lot to the team. It really means a lot to me," she said. "Saugatuck soccer is a big deal for a lot of people."

Karmin Kruithof charges down the field for Saugatuck. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck freshman Ryann Monroe (front) goes up for a header in the regional semis. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa Hale and Shane Hale, wife and husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: February 16, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 1, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $204,417.74

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Martin, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 586.74 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 2 North, Range 11 West, as a point of beginning, thence West 12 rods, thence North 70 feet, thence East 12 rods, thence South 70 feet to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1520 10th St, Martin, MI 49070-9728

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 21, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSTED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That on June 15, 2026, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., The Board of Education of Fennville Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2026-2027 budget in the Board Room, located at 5 Memorial Drive, Fennville, Michigan.

The Board may not adopt proposed 2026-2027 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 5 Memorial Drive, Fennville, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Secretary
Angie Pena-Smith

Meeting Synopsis

Heath Township Board Meeting. May 11, 2026
3440 M-40 Hamilton, MI 49419.
Heath Township Hall

Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Jones, M.Harvey, Smith, Boerman, B.Harvey

Items approved:

1. Minutes from the April 13, 2026 and April 20, 2026 meeting.
2. Riverwalk Phase 3 plan.
3. To have Budget Workshop on May 14, 2026.
4. To appoint Mark Groenheide as Fire Chief through December 2027.
5. FOIA resolution to update FOIA documents for website.
6. Cemetery Life program.
7. Budget amendments.
8. To go into closed session and come out of closed session.
9. Legal memo from Attorney regarding building ownership.
10. Township checks #17444-17472.
11. Meeting to adjourn at 9:04 pm.

Prepared by Clerk Missy Harvey. Approved by Supervisor Ron Jones

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2026 at 5:45p.m., at the Hopkins Elementary School, Hopkins, Michigan the Board of Education of Hopkins Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2026–2027 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2026-2027 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.[1]

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Jessica Johnston

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DUCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF JUNE 16, 2026 TOWNSHIP BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2030 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2026-2030 SUPPLEMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE DUCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING ALL LOTS/PARCELS ABUTTING DUCK LAKE OR HAVING DEEDED ACCESS TO DUCK LAKE IN LAND SECTION 36 OF CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of Cheshire Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll/special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the allocation of the cost and expenses of the 2026-2030 supplemental improvement project within the Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District approved by the Township Board May 19, 2026.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed special assessment roll will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st Street, Allegan, Michigan, in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll proposes to allocate the cost and expenses of a supplemental lake improvement project, including an extension of the aquatic vegetation management project previously approved for 2024-2028 to now also include 2029-2030, in the approximate total amount of $356,365 (including estimated legal and administrative expenses, and a contingency for cost overruns and other unanticipated expenses) to the various lots and parcels within the existing Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District over the five-year project by a total special assessment levy of approximately $89,165 in 2026 and an annual total special assessment levy of approximately $66,800 in each of years 2027-2030. The special assessment levy is proposed to be allocated to the benefitted lots/parcels within the District pursuant to a uniform pro rata benefit unit of 1.0 for each lot/parcel abutting Duck Lake (with all contiguous lands abutting Duck Lake owned by the same record owner and either undeveloped or developed to be treated as a single benefit unit for special assessment purposes), and a uniform pro rata benefit unit of 0.5 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Duck Lake but not abutting Duck Lake, plus for parcel number 03-270-003-00 (mobile home park abutting Duck Lake, with 32 mobile home sites) an additional special assessment of 0.25 benefit unit per each mobile home site.

Based on the total calculated number of lots/parcels within the District (after eliminating contiguous lands owned by the same record owner) abutting Duck Lake (113 benefit units), the total number of lots/parcels within the District with deeded access to Duck Lake but not abutting Duck Lake (9.5 benefit units), and the additional benefit units allocated to the mobile home park property (8.0 benefit units), the total amount proposed to be specially assessed against each such lot/parcel for 2026-2030 is as follows:

- $2,730.77 for each lot/parcel or portions thereof abutting Duck Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as 1.0 benefit unit), payable in annual installments of $683.26 levied in 2026, and $511.88 levied in each of years 2027-2030.
- $1,365.39 for each lot/parcel or portions thereof with deeded or other special right of access to Duck Lake pursuant to a dedicated out lot or other private access back lot (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as 0.5 benefit unit), payable in annual installments of $341.63 levied in 2026, and $255.94 levied in each of years 2027-2030.
- For parcel number 03-270-003-00 (mobile home park abutting Duck Lake, with 32 mobile home sites) an additional special assessment of $21,846.24 (0.25 benefit unit per each of 32 mobile home sites), payable in annual installments of $5,466.08 levied in 2026, and $4,095.04 levied in each of years 2027-2030. Note: the resulting total proposed special assessment on this property, including the base special assessment of 1.0 benefit unit for a lot/parcel abutting Duck Lake is $6,149.34 levied in 2026, and $4,606.92 levied in each of years 2027-2030.

These proposed special assessment amounts are subject to revision by the Township Board at the June 16, 2026 meeting. These proposed special assessment amounts are also subject to revision during the term of the five-year special assessment roll due to property transactions, and are subject to annual redetermination if the actual costs of the yearly project or any administrative costs vary significantly from the estimated costs and contingency on which the proposed special assessment roll is premised. Any such annual redetermination/revised special assessments will be made by the Township Board at its regular meeting in June of any such year, as necessary, without further public hearing or notice except as may be required by law (if a cost increase exceeds the estimate by 10% or more) or as may be further determined by the Township Board; provided that the allocation of individual special assessments resulting from any such annual redetermination/revision shall be based on the same cost allocation method used for the 2026 special assessments. Unpaid special assessments will be subject to interest at a rate to be determined by the Township Board but not exceeding 8.0% per annum.

If the Township Board approves a 2026-2030 special assessment roll for the supplemental project, and that special assessment roll becomes effective, the special assessment for aquatic vegetation control (only) previously approved for levy in 2024-2028 pursuant to the original 2024-2028 project shall be cancelled in 2027 and 2028, as the supplemental improvement project includes aquatic vegetation management in those last two years of the previously approved project and extends such services to include 2029-2030.

The proposed special assessment roll, and the project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the existing Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and the Resolution of the Township Board directing the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed special assessment roll, may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 35 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY (OR WITHIN SUCH OTHER TIME PERIOD AS MAY BE REQUIRED OR ALLOWED BY LAW).

The foregoing hearing and all proceedings associated with this special assessment matter will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

Jodi Pinnell, Clerk
Cheshire Township
1061 37th Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 521-3440

Public Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 18, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joshua Prihoda, unmarried

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: March 7, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 22, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $203,525.39

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, commencing at the place of intersection of the Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated with the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 74 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds East along the Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated 324.4 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds West 141.72 feet; thence South 83 degrees 43 minutes East 252.14 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 183.06 feet to Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated; thence Northwesterly along Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated to place of beginning, Section 36, Town 1 North, Range 11 West.

Common street address (if any): 137 M 89, Plainwell, MI 49080-9554

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 21, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1593974
(05-21)(06-11)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00, on June 18, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by CAROL OLSEN AND JAMES M OLSEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND, whose address is 4290 47th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for T2 Financial LLC DBA/ Revolution Mortgage and Lender's successors and assigns, being a mortgage dated January 26, 2024, and recorded on February 5, 2024 in Liber 4918 Page 781, with Document Number 2024001551, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Newrez LLC d/b/a/ Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 20, 2026 and recorded on March 20, 2026 in Liber 5120 Page 451, and given Document Number 2026004103 in Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 49/100 ($324,956.49). Said premises are situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: THE SOUTH 3 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, OVERISEL TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 3 ACRES BEING SOUTH 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 2637.78 FEET AS MEASURED ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 AND SOUTH 03 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 133.72 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18; THENCE PROCEEDING ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18 SOUTH 03 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 198.02 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18; THENCE ON SAID SOUTH LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 661.60 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18; THENCE ON SAID WEST LINE NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 198.01 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 3 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 661.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 4290 47th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: May 21, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7223

(05-21)(06-11)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Larsen, Jr., single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northern Mortgage Services, LLC., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2021 and recorded August 23, 2021 in Liber 4661, Page 849 Allegan County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded May 18, 2026 in Liber 5138, Page 801 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty and 95/100 Dollars ($232,380.95).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 2, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1, Hidden Forest Estates No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Page 9, Allegan County Records.Also, commencing at the Southwest corner of said Lot 1, Hidden Forest Estates No. 1; thence South 89 degrees 25'52" East 117.0 feet along the South line of said Lot; thence South 00 degrees 51'52" West 50.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25'52" West 117.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51'52" East 50.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 4 North, Range 12 West.

1678 Slater Ave, Dorr, Michigan 49323

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: May 28, 2026
File No. 26-004359
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(05-28)(06-18)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $188,451.28

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records

Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 28, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(05-28)(06-18)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christopher Vern Sparks, a single man and Peggy Ann Sparks, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 29, 2024 Recorded on May 7, 2024, Liber 4941, on Page 130, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Northpointe Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and 78/100 Dollars ($163,715.78) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the center of the Highway leading from Plainwell to Silver Creek, where the 1/4 line running North and South through the center of Section 34 intersects said Highway; thence North on said 1/4 line 68 Rods (1122 feet) to the 1/8th line; thence East 28 Rods (462 feet) on said line; thence South 80 Rods (1320 feet) parallel with said 1/4 line to the center of the above named Highway; thence Northwesterly along the center of said Highway to the place of beginning. EXCEPT a parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the center of the Highway leading from Plainwell to Silver Creek where the 1/4 line running North and South through the center of Section 34 intersects said Highway; thence North 12 Rods (198 feet) on the 1/4 line; thence East 7 Rods (115.5 feet) parallel with said Highway; thence South parallel with said 1/4 line to the center of said Highway; thence Westerly in center of said Highway to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 487 Riverview Dr, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner:

Leighton Township

May 14, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Synopsis

1. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance - 7:00 p.m.
2. Present: Wolbrink, Fennema, Bultsma; Absent: Hooker, Bonnema
3. Approved minutes from April 16, 2026 & meeting agenda
4. Report from Fire Dept, Bldg Inspector, Planning Comm, Deputy's Rpt, WAEMS
5. Heard Public Comment
6. Approved letter for Road Commission
7. Reviewed approved millage language
8. Approved bid to reseal fire station parking lots
9. Denied FOIA fee & disclosure denial appeals
10. Approved listed bills in the amount of $106.517.09
11. Heard Public Comment
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NOTICE

FOR PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Plainwell Central Administration Building, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plainwell Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2026-2027 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2026-2027 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Administrative Offices located in the Administration Building, 600 School Drive, Plainwell.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing[1].

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Jill Dunham, Secretary
Plainwell Community Schools
600 School Drive, Plainwell, MI
(269)685-5823

TOWNSHIP OF MANLIUS

PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING NOTICE

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANLIUS, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Manlius Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and meeting on June 22, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Manlius Township Hall, 3134 57th Ave., Fennville, MI 49408, to consider the following:

A. Rezone proposed for 60+- acres in in southeast corner of section 34, located at corner of m-89 and 52 ND street, Fennville. Mi 49408 to change Parcel # 03 14 034 030 01 from current Manlius Ordinance Section 1.0601 F & R Forestry and Recreational to Manlius Section Ordinance Section 1.0501 AG Agricultural District Zoning Classification.
B. Rezone proposed for 24.33 acres east of 56 th st in the east half of section 20, located east of 56 th street, south 0f Wiley RD, Fennville. Mi 49408 to change Parcel(s) # 03 14 020 023 00 vacant land, 03 14 020 023 80 barn only, and 03 14 020 023 70 known as 5613 Windy Ridge, Fennville MI 49408 from current Manlius Ordinance Section 1.0701 Rural Residential to 1.0501 AG Agricultural Manlius Ordinance.
C. Vacate the unnamed, undeveloped private road as it runs south from Windy Ridge, located on parcel 03 14 020 023 00. Survey job no. 16-6459, dated 04-20-16, VanOder Surveying.
D. The Manlius Township Planning Commission will also consider such other and additional business that shall come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Anyone interested in reviewing the proposal for rezoning, a map of the property proposed for rezoning, the proposed ordinance effectuating the rezoning, the Township Zoning Map or the Township Zoning Ordinance may examine a copy of the same at the Manlius Township Hall during regular business hours, Mondays and Wednesdays 9 to 4 pm or by appointment with the undersigned.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing by the Manlius Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.

Manlius Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Manlius Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Manlius Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

MANLIUS TOWNSHIP
Matthew Rooks, Clerk
3134 57th Ave. Fennville, MI 49408
(269) 561-8855
clerk@manliustwp.org

NOTICE

JGB Management LLC, doing business as Right Way Control Services, has been contracted by the City of Otsego to perform chemical brush control services via crack and crevice application along designated public areas throughout the city.

In doing so, they will be applying Ranger Pro Herbicide (Glyphosate), Tigris Flumioxazin 51 (Flumioxazin), and Alligare Prodiamine 65 (Prodiamine) between June 22, 2026 and June 26, 2026.

Please be advised not to enter treated areas until spray has dried.

Additional information may be requested by contacting applicators Garrett Farney at (616) 238-1615 or Brad Sanders at (616) 550-3673. Inquiries may also be sent via email to rwcontrolservices@gmail.com

Notice

of Public Hearing
Salem Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act") the Planning Commission of Salem Township will hold a public hearing to deliberate and possibly take action on the following items on Thursday, July 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Township Hall, located at 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan:

1. A request from Mike Scholten, owner of 3285 138th Avenue, also known as parcel number 03-19-029-015-20, for a special use permit to construct an accessory building larger than permitted by right within the R-1 Agricultural and Rural Estate Zoning District, per Section 15.09(b)(2) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Administrator at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 2nd, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodation may be made.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
BRANDON OOSTERINK, CHAIR
616-877-2000

Public Notices

If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Northpointe Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(05-28)(06-18)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 7/2/2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Rachael Rodriguez-Luna. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Colony Mortgage Corp. Date of mortgage: 4/26/2024. Mortgage recorded on 4/29/2024 as Document No. 2024006346, in Liber 4938, Page 902. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $395,669.19 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF SAUGATUCK. LOT 18 OF RAVINE ACRES NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 13 OF PLATS, PAGE 68, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 6855 Dale Ct, Fennville, MI 49408. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 05/28/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00319
(05-28)(06-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate
("Decedent") John L. Heuvelman
Date of Decedent's Birth: August 24, 1928
Name of Trust: Heuvelman Living Trust dated April 11, 2002
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, John L. Heuvelman, died April 19, 2026. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent, Decedent's estate, and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Vicki L. Brouwer a/k/a Vicky J. Brouwer and/or Cheryl L. Tapley, Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated:
Vicky L. Brouwer a/k/a Vicky J. Brouwer
165 Ann Street
Holland, Michigan 49424
Cheryl L. Tapley
3418 North Lakeshore Drive
Holland, Michigan 49424
Jason W. Wesseling (P85634)
WESSELING & BRACKMANN P.C.
6439 28th Avenue
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426
(616) 669-8185

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Kent F. Borkovec Date of Birth:*August 11, 1935
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kent F. Borkovec , died _March 6, 2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John Borkovec and David Borkovec , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
5/26/2026
Varnum LLP
Katherine Szymanski P77877
PO Box 352
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-0352
616/336-6000
John Borkovec and David Borkovec
10837 45th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, WI 43185
708/207-3641

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald Manske Sr. and Briana Manske, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Change Lending, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2023 and recorded June 28, 2023 in Liber 4867, Page 330 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Change Lending LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Ninety-Four and 80/100 Dollars ($534,094.80).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 16, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Wayland, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 5, Frederick J. Nowlen Plat, Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 98.
2560 Seymour Drive, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.
Dated: June 4, 2026
File No. 26-005302
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(06-04)(06-25)

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(06-04)(06-25)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on July 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sheryl K. Whipple, a unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture Date of mortgage: April 10, 2009 Recorded on April 23, 2009, Book # 3318 on Page # 385. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 99/100 ($144,611.99) Mortgaged premises: Located in the Township of Watson, Allegan County and described as: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATSON, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN AND STATE OF MICHIGAN TO WIT: COMMENCING 24 RODS W OF THE SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 1, T2N, R12W, AS A POB; THENCE W 11 RODS, THENCE N 22 RODS, THENCE E 11 RODS, THENCE S 22 RODS TO THE POB . Commonly known as 1271 122nd Avenue Hopkins MI 49328 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961 pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Please be advised that the trustee will require any entity or trust bidder at this trustee's sale to provide beneficial ownership information, documentation, and written certification as required under FinCEN's Anti-Money Laundering Regulations for Residential Real Estate Transfers, effective for transfers to covered transferees closing on or after March 1, 2026. This requirement applies where the purchaser is a legal entity (including an LLC, corporation, or partnership) or a trust, and the transfer is not financed by an institutional lender subject to existing anti-money laundering requirements. The required information and certification must be provided to the trustee prior to issuance of the trustee's deed upon sale. No trustee's deed will be issued for a covered transfer until all required FinCEN information has been received and certified. Additional information regarding these regulations and required transferee disclosures can be found at: https://www.fincen.gov/rre and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 221-4743 26-005602
(06-04)(06-25)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this

NOTICE

Allegan Township is seeking a Township Supervisor to fill the vacancy through the general election 2028. The position will require office hours of Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm. The candidate should be professional and work well with others.

Duties would include: Preside over township board meetings; Serve as the Township's legal agent; Chief assessing officer; Budget development responsibilities; Maintain township administration; Appointment and committee roles; records and administrative responsibilities.
Pay is commensurate with other township supervisor positions.

Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest and resume by June 18, 2026 to Allegan Township, 3037 118th Ave., Allegan, Michigan 49010, or via email to office@allegantownship.org. Please call 269-673-5051 with questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the Allegan County Treasurer, Sally L. Brooks Qualifying Income Limit To Defer Summer Property Taxes

Impacts senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities The Michigan General Property Tax Act has been amended to allow certain citizens, including senior citizens, veterans, and persons with disabilties, to defer their summer property taxes if they have a household income below $40,000.

To qualify for the deferement under the qualifying income limit, a resident must meet one or more of the following conditions as defined by the State Income Tax Act 211.51:

- Is a totally and permananently disabled person, blind person, paraplegic, quadriplegic.
- Eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower.
- Is 62 years of age or older, including the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 or older at time of death.

Residents who believe they qualify and wish to defer their summer property taxes can obtain an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes from the treasurer of their local property tax collecting unit. Collection of the approved deferred taxes will be delayed until the winter property taxes are due.

If you need the phone number of your local Treasurer, please contact my office at 269-673-0260 or visit www.allegancounty.org

Sally L. Brooks, Allegan County Treasurer

NOTICE - PUBLIC LAND AUCTION

The Allegan County Treasurer will offer tax- reverted real estate at public auction on August 6th, 2026.

The auction will be held online at www.tax-sale.info from 10:00am to 7:00pm EDT. Bids can also be placed up to 30 days in advance on the website, and assistance is available for those without computer or internet access.

Incomplete or voided sales from August 6th, 2026, auction, if any, will be re-offered online at www.tax-sale.info on September 25th, 2026, from 10:00am to 7:00 pm EDT.

Unsold tax reverted real estate from either of the previous auctions will be re-offered online at www.tax-sale.info on October 30th, 2026. All bids must be placed by 7:00 pm EDT for this auction.

Answers to common questions about the auction process and additional information can be found at www.tax-sale.info/faq For more information and to view a list of the properties being offered, please visit: www.tax-sale.info or call 1-800-259-7470. Auction listings may also be available at the County Treasurer's office.

DORR TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of Dorr Township will conduct a public hearing concerning the following matters to be held on Wednesday, July 1st, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorr Township Hall, located at 1683 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. An application from United Iron and Metal, owner of 2311 141st Avenue, also known as permanent parcel number 03-05-019-009-00, for a nondimensional (use) variance to expand a legally nonconforming use (salvage yard) within the RE Rural Estate District by more than 50% of the original facility.
2. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals

A copy of applications and related materials is available for review at Dorr Township Hall during regular business hours. Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Dorr Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing. All interested persons are invited and urged to participate.

Dorr Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Dorr Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Dorr Township Clerk at the address above or by calling 616-681-9874.

DEBBIE SEWERS, CLERK
DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
616-681-9874

NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF WAYLAND
PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission of the City of Wayland will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at Wayland City Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI 49348, to consider the following Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

To amend part (5) of Article XII, Central Business District, Section 20-372, Principal Permitted Uses, of the City of Wayland Zoning Ordinance to read:

"(5) General and professional offices not including medical and dental clinics"

The effect of this amendment is to allow medical and dental clinics by right in the Central Business District.

The proposed zoning text amendment is available at the Wayland City Hall for public examination and review during normal business hours. Interested persons may submit comments in writing before the public hearing, or appear in person at the public hearing to become part of the hearing record. The City of Wayland will provide necessary and reasonable aids and services for disabled persons upon 5 days prior notice to the City Clerk at (269) 792-2265.

Amanda Rodriguez
City Clerk
City of Wayland
269.792.2265

Notice

of Public Hearing to Adopt a Brownfield Plan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING,
City of Fennville, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FENNVILLE PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Commission of the City of Fennville on the 15th day of June, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Fennville City Hall, 125 S. Maple St. Fennville, MI 49408. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield property is: Land situated in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, described as follows: Parcel #52-032-006-01, 612 Glenview Dr. The proposed brownfield plan would allow the developer and BRA to be reimbursed for eligible costs incurred to prepare the brownfield property for redevelopment. Eligible costs may include environmental and/or site preparation costs. The brownfield plan must first be approved by the City Commission. This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at Fennville City Hall. All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Public Notices

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(06-04)(06-25)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate
("Decedent") Anona M. Steeby
Date of Decedent's Birth: 1/1/1938
Name of Trust: David A. Steeby and Anona M. Steeby Trust dated July 29, 2008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Anona M. Steeby, died 3/20/2026. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent, Decedent's estate, and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Lori G. Haselden and/or Carol L. Bolthouse, Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated:
Lori G. Haselden
1675 Solomon Rd.
Hastings, MI 49058
Carol L. Bolthouse
209 W. North St.
Hastings, MI 49058
Jason W. Wesseling (P85634)
WESSELING & BRACKMANN P.C.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 26-71775-CZ and JUDGE Hon. Emily W. Jipp
Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone no.
Watson MHC, LLC
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no
Cory T. Carr (P87070)
Thomson, Parker, Beer & Lindsey, PLC
405 S. Jackson St., PO Box 450
Jackson, MI 49204-0450
517-787-8570
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
Kevin Eugene Christopher
And David Lee Fultz
11362 E.M 89, Lot 87
Otsego, MI 49078
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Kevin Eugene Christopher and David Lee Fultz cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and anopportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
d. Other: 3-week publication in the allegan County News.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
6/1/26
Emily W. Jipp P-80894
6-11 6-25

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2026-66260-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Daniel W. Altenburg, Deceased Date of Birth:*12/21/1934
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Daniel W. Altenburg, died 04/09/2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shelley J. Hollis, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
06/05/2026
Andrew W. Barnes P70571
317 Center Street
South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010
Shelley J. Hollis
15601 Blue Star Hwy.
South Haven, MI 49090
269-767-0243

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the matter of the David J. and Sharon A. Kaechele Trust Date of birth: 03/31/1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sharon A. Kaechele died 11/14/2025
There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Mark A. Kaechele and Brian D. Kaechele, Co-Trustees of the David J. and Sharon A. Kaechele Trust, under a Trust Agreement dated 10/30/2017, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
June 4, 2026
Miller Johnson
Trevor A. Mason P84718
45 Ottawa Avenue, SW, Suite 1100, PO Box 306
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-0306
(616) 831-1700
Mark A. Kaechele
141 – 141st Avenue
Wayland, MI 49348 616-980-6508
Brian D. Kaechele
20161 W 223rd Terrace
Spring Hills, KS 66083
913-638-5716

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: PAYTON BROOKE WOOD has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026 AT 1:30 PM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: PAYTON BROOKE WOOD to PAYTON BROOKE HILLSTEAD

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A'liana Sky Marie Reed has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026 AT 2:00 PM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: A'liana Sky Marie Reed to Aliana Sky Marie Owens

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 6. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Leroy Vander Ploeg and Kay Ellen Vander Ploeg, husband and wife, to Oak Street Mortgage LLC, dated August 26, 2003, and recorded September 15, 2003 in Liber 2552 Page 905 in Allegan County records, Michigan, and Affidavit of Scrivener's Error Correcting Legal Description of Mortgage, dated October 22, 2025 and recorded on October 22, 2025 in Liber 5080 Page 121 and assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 19, 2004 in Liber 2660, Page 73,and Affidavit to Correct Legal Description in Assignment of Mortgage, dated December 18, 2025, recorded on December 19, 2025 in Liber 5097 Page 920, and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, solely as Trustee of NRZ Pass Through Trust X by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 20, 2019 in Liber 4345, Page 49 and assigned to MTGLQ Investors, LP by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 6, 2020 in Liber 4419, Page 275 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, As Trustee of the Chalet Series III Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 17, 2020 in Liber 4423, Page 485 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, As Trustee of the Cabana Series III Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 31, 2020 in Liber 4427, Page 644 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, National Association as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series VI Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 23, 2025 in Liber 5035, Page 610 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three and 68/100 dollars ($59,133.68). Said premises are situated in the City of WAYLAND, County of ALLEGAN, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: The West 440 feet of the North 990 feet of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Property Address:3095 4th Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348 Parcel No.: 24-014-016-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: June 25, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2601010 - Vander Ploeg, Estate of Robert Leroy - EM

(06-25)(07-16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 26-66205-GA/26-66206-CA
In the matter of ROSALIND DARYL BEAUDOIN
TOALLINTERESTED PERSONS including:
JIM BEAUDOIN
CARRIE BEAUDOIN
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on ih 1ST, 2026 at 10:00 AM at 113 CHESTNUT STREET, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 before Judge JOLENE CLEARWATER P74848 for the following purpose:
PETITIONS FOR GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORYSHIP
06/04/2026
ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT
113 CHESTNUT STREET
ALLEGAN, MI! 49010
(269) 673-0250

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Trust
In the matter of the Living Trust of Lester H. Rawson, Sr. and Cynthia G. Rawson established September 30, 2014, restated June 3, 2016, amended November 3, 2022, and restated again on February 25, 2025
Cynthia Grace Rawson was the surviving grantor of the Trust and her date of birth was November 11, 1939.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cynthia Grace Rawson, died May 1, 2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Jeffrey D. Rawson, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Jessica Arends P75918
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 48423
616-392-1821
Jeffrey D. Rawson
5302 103 Avenue
Grand Junction, MI 49056
269-434-6313

NOTICE TO CREDITOR'S
TRUST ADMINISTRATION
TO ALL CREDITORS
The Settlor, Lucille Young, died 05/21/2026. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the LUCILLE YOUNG LIVING TRUST, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to EDWARD J YOUNG JR, Trustee, at 4591 17th St, Dorr, MI 49323 within four months after the date of publication.
Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
DATE 06/04/2026
Signed by Edward J Young, Jr Trustee
4591 17th St
DORR, MI 49323
616-877-4542

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brian J. Kirk, a married man
Original Mortgagee: Member First Mortgage, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: May 31, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 5, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $55,739.40
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 6, Bridges Acres, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 19, Allegan County Records.
Common street address (if any): 330 12th St, Plainwell, MI 49080-1117
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: June 11, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1595567
(06-11)(07-02)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 2020-62325-GA
In the matter of Gregory Silliman
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
Unknown children of ward's deceased daughter (Paula Silliman)
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 23, 2026 at 1:00PM
at 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010 before Judge Jolene Clearwater P74848 for the following purpose:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL
Linda Vaught P54634
One Woodward Ave, Ste. 2400
Detroit, MI 48226
313-965-2862
Jessica Marr
414 State St
Belding, MI 48809
616-794-0460

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James Henry Starling, a single person and Melissa Kay Weimer, a single person. Original Mortgagee: 21st Mortgage Corporation. Date of Mortgage: December 23, 2019. Date of Mortgage Recording: December 26, 2019 in Liber 4415, Page 895, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Amount claimed due on date of notice: two hundred twenty-six thousand three hundred sixteen and 98/100 Dollars ($226,316.98), including interest. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Manlius, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, to wit: Remainder of Parent Parcel - Beginning at the North 1/4 post of Section 21, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds West on the North and South 1/4 line, 1858.42 feet to the centerline of Old Allegan Road; thence North 40 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West on same, 954.62 feet; thence North 54 degrees 50 minutes 44 seconds East 437.40 feet; thence North 40 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West 600.00 feet; thence North 54 degrees 50 minutes 44 seconds East 13.65 feet; thence East 313.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds East 414.00 feet to the North Section line; thence East on same, 325.00 feet to the place of beginning, and all improvements thereon. Common street address: 5510 130th Avenue, Fennville, Michigan 49408. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Subject to future court rulings, FinCEN reporting may be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption. Additional information regarding FinCEN regulations and reporting can be found at: https://www.fincen.gov/rre and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest. Dated: June 5, 2026 21st Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee By: Richard A. Green Law Offices of Richard A. Green 30150 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 924-2354

(06-11)(07-02)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory J. Giniel II, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for OCMBC, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2022 and recorded November 1, 2022 in Liber 4812, Page 644 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Million Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four and 76/100 Dollars ($1,263,574.76).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 16, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Casco, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot(s) 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 5, Plat of Beverly Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 1.

7258 Beverly Drive, South Haven, Michigan 49090

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: June 11, 2026
File No. 26-004985
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(06-11)(07-02)

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Fennville library brings summer reading to Pullman in new partnership

By Art Nicholas

When the final school bell rings each June, many students start losing ground without even realizing it. Researchers call it the "summer slide" — the well-documented dip in reading and math skills that can occur when children spend the vacation months away from books and structured learning. The effect is not trivial. A landmark Johns Hopkins study by Karl Alexander and Doris Entwisle, drawing on Baltimore's Beginning School Study, found that summer learning differences accumulate year after year and account for much of the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income students by the time they reach high school.

Reading researchers Richard Allington and Anne McGill-Franzen have spent years documenting the same pattern: a review of studies covering roughly 40,000 students found that children from lower-income families tend to lose reading ground over the summer, while children with easy access to books hold steady or even gain. The difference, the research suggests, comes down largely to access — whether a child has interesting, self-selected books within reach during the months school is out.

That is precisely the gap public libraries are built to close. A three-year national study from Dominican University, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and titled Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap, found that students who took part in a public library's summer reading program scored higher on reading achievement tests at the start of the next school year than peers who did not participate. Parents in the study also reported their children read more, read more confidently, and felt better prepared for fall.

The Fennville District Library is putting that research into practice this summer — and, for the first time, carrying it well beyond its own walls.

The library has launched a new summer reading program in Pullman, partnering with the volunteer group Beautify Pullman to reach families who may not be able to make the trip into Fennville. Running from

Monday, June 8, through Friday, August 7, the program is open to children, teens, and adults.

"The library's goal is always to expand outreach to more families who may not have the opportunity to come to the library," said Teresa Kline, director of the Fennville District Library. "We reached out to Beautify Pullman with our idea, and their dynamic volunteers loved it and were quick to help design the program."

The result is a reading challenge built around a bingo card: participants read books to fill in squares, aiming to complete a line or the four corners. Books and bingo sheets can be picked up in Pullman at Pizza Plus, Wednesday through Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m., and at the Pullman Town Square on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. After a first bingo, readers can bring their sheet to Pizza Plus and spin a prize wheel; completing two bingos earns a finisher prize. Each bingo also comes with a slip that can be entered into one of seven prize raffles, with rewards that include a ReelPlay pass, an Urban Air gift card, and gift cards to Crumbl Cookie, Meijer, Tastee Treat, The Root, and Allegan Event.

"It has truly been a collaborative effort between the library and Beautify Pullman," Kline said. "This program will help keep families reading over the summer and help combat summer learning loss. We are so excited."

In Fennville, the library is offering its own slate of summer activities. Children's programming runs Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. from June 8 through August 7, while teen and adult programming takes place every Monday evening at 6 p.m. from June 15 through August 3. The season opens with a summer reading kick-off event on Monday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the public is invited to stop by.

Kline said the library hopes to draw more than 400 participants across all of its programs this summer — and that the Pullman partnership reflects a broader strategy.

"The library will continue to connect and collaborate with other organizations in our service area," she said, "to build partnerships that strengthen the library's ties in the community."

For families in Pullman who have long found the library just out of reach, that collaboration may be the difference between a summer of lost ground and a fall spent ready to read.

The Fennville District Library is located at 400 West Main Street, Fennville. For more information about summer reading, call 269-561-5050.

RELIGION SECTION

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
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Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

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4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

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Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
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269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

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1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
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Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
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5897 124th Ave.
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First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
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First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
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269-543-4203
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Fennville MI 49408
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Grace Church of Hamilton
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Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

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269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
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Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
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Pastor Everett Belue
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10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
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Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
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Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

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404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
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200 Park St. Plainwell
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Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
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Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
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616-510-7416
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229 Cutler Street, Allegan
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Church: 673-3284

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672-7097 - Church office
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Pastor Kelsey French
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St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

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